Faculty Senate Minutes

February 5, 2018 (Draft for review/approval at 3-6-18 meeting)

Members Present: Paul Bacdayan, Tom Boone, Rob Darst, Chris Eisenhart, Gavin Fay, Jennifer Fugate, Michael Goodman, Adam Hausknecht, Gaurav Khanna, Anna Klobucka, Susan Krumholz, Elizabeth Lehr, Chad McGuire, Victor Mendes, Kathy Miraglia, James Mistler, Kari Mofford, Pia Moisander, Nancy O'Connor, Aminda O'Hare, Grant O'Rielly, Susan Raidy-Klein, Doug Roscoe, Frank Scarano, Monika Schuler, Glaucia Silva, Elizabeth Winiarz, Rebecca Flanagan.

Guests Present:

Heather Lake, Kimberly Christopher, Karen Barnett, Kathy Carter, Terrance Burton, David Klamen, Ray Laoulache, Tesfay Meressi, Mohammad Karim, Magali Carrera

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm by Doug Roscoe.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of November 28, 2017 (as revised) were moved, seconded and approved. Minutes of 12-13-17 were moved, seconded, and approved

Faculty Senate President Report (Doug Roscoe)

A faculty team will participate in the Leduc Ctr's April 17 Rise Against Hunger event Elections for memberships on Senate Committees will be held in the Spring The Gen Ed Committee needs 2 reps from the Business Council.

A grade appeal facilitator is needed for the College of Engineering.

The Senate Committee on Admissions needs reps from CVPA and Education.

Dates will be set for the Spring Senate elections

An admin assistant has been authorized to help the Senate for 2-3 hours per week.

IPEDS has data on enrollment and admissions standards.

Provost's Report -- None given at this meeting

Resolution on 100% Renewable Energy

Representatives from MassPIRG spoke in favor of a resolution that the University work towards 100% renewable energy. The motion carried.

Terra Dotta Travel Procedures (Mary Louise Nunes)

Terra Dotta is a travel registry that allows the University to know where employees and students are when they are away from the campus. This is intended to manage risk and improve safety by making it more possible for the University to help travelers during emergencies. Faculty traveling for professional reasons are requested to register their plans even if the trip will be paid for privately and not with University funds. Questions from the floor included a concern about workload on the faculty and whether the registration process can be made automatic when a travel authorization is requested. Also, when are students required to register and how will that be done?

Procedures for Establishing New Academic Units

The language of a proposal was presented for comment, and returned to Doug Roscoe for revision to reflect the comments.

Non-faculty Teaching Provisions

A first reading was conducted of language on this topic. Some clarification should be sought from Sue Wilbur (HR) and Jim Mullins (ESU) about who is affected. There was some sentiment that there should be a mechanism by which ESU personnel are able to teach, perhaps as a separately compensated activity.

Bylaws and inclusion of Clinical Professors (Shannon Jenkins)

It was proposed that Clinical Professors be added to the list of roles considered to be "faculty". The motion was moved and seconded. It carried among those present. As a bylaw change, it must also be sent out for an electronic vote.

Formation of an Ad Hoc Committee

The formation of an ad hoc committee on Study Abroad was moved, seconded, and approved.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.

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