

MINUTES
2013-2014 Faculty Senate Meeting
November 7, 2013
Heth Hall Room 014

Members present: Suzanne Ament, Ian Barland, Roann Barris, Steve Beach (for Abhay Kaushik), Vickie Bierman, James Collier, Jason Davis, Eric Du Plessis, Lori Elis, Mary Ferrari, Jake Fox, Kim Gainer, Kurt Gingrich, Nadine Hartig, Vince Hazleton, Rhett Herman, Christine Hermann, Bill Hrezo, Margaret Hrezo, Tommy Iafrate, Laura Jacobsen, Emmanuel John, Prahlad Kasturi, Jerry Kopf, Mary LaLone, Elizabeth Lanter, Laura LaRue, Stockton Maxwell, Douglas Mitchell, James Newman, Monica Pazmino, Rob Sanderl, Sandra Schneider, Susan Schoppelrey, Neil Sigmon, Kenneth Smith, Andrea Stanaland, Julie Temple, Paul Thomas, Jennifer Whicker

Members absent: Kevin Ayers, Jayne Bucy, Kimberly Cole, Seife Dendir, Rodrigo Hernandez, Laura Newsome, Mashooq Salehin, Skip Watts

Guests: Mike Dunn, Director of New Student Programs and Services; Steve Lerch, Coordinator of Retention

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.
- II. The minutes of the October 24, 2013, meeting were approved as read.
- III. Dr. Jacobsen gave her report.
 - a. BOV meetings are underway, and Dr. Jacobsen reported that the sessions she has attended were “lively” and that the BOV members had asked her a number of questions. She discussed with the BOV issues raised by the COACHE report such as faculty salaries, staffing, and workload. Other topics of discussion were reallocations to understaffed areas and the importance of faculty participation in university branding initiatives.
 - b. Dr. Herman asked a question *re* university advancement. Dr. Jacobsen stated that her impression is that fundraising is a top priority but that she will not be present for those discussions.
 - c. Dr. Collier asked a question *re* the branding initiative. Dr. Jacobsen reported that an RFP has gone out and that about ten firms were being considered. The BOV wants students to be involved. Regarding faculty involvement, the Dean of the College of Humanities and Behavioral Studies is involved in the process as a representative from Academic Affairs, but Dr. Jacobsen stated that the faculty do not consider deans to be faculty representatives.
- IV. Committee Reports.
 - a. Campus Environment: No report.
 - b. Curriculum Committee: Dr. Gingrich reported that the committee was referring two motion under New Business: a Motion of Support for Creation of UNIV 150

and a Motion to Recommend Establishment of Ad Hoc Committees to Simplify and Reduce the Learning Objectives in Goals 5-11 of the Core Curriculum.

- c. Faculty Issues: Dr. Barris reported that the committee had one motion under Old Business: a Motion *re* IG Committee on Online Teaching and Assessment.
- d. Governance: No report.
- e. Resource Allocation: No report.

V. Old Business.

- a. The Motion *re* IG Committee on Online Teaching and Assessment, referred by the Faculty Issues Committee, was taken off the table. Dr. Barris, chair of the FIC, reported that since the last meeting of the Faculty Senate, she had received a report from the Online Task Force. In order to allow time for the FIC to consider the report and its implications for the motion, the chair of the FIC asked that the motion be re-tabled for later consideration. The motion was re-tabled.

VI. New Business

- a. A Motion of Support for Creation of UNIV 150, referred by the Curriculum Committee, was introduced and tabled for later consideration.
 - Mike Dunn, Director of New Student Programs and Services, and Steve Lerch, Coordinator of Retention, answered a few queries regarding the proposed course, such as the path the proposal had followed since no department curriculum committee was involved, and whether the course would count toward the 120 hour requirement.
- b. A Motion to Recommend Establishment of Ad Hoc Committees to Simplify and Reduce the Learning Objectives in Goals 5-11 of the Core Curriculum, referred by the Curriculum Committee, was introduced and tabled for later consideration.

VII. Announcements

- a. Dr. Jacobsen thanked Dr. Schoppelrey for furnishing refreshments for the meet-and-greet prior to the meeting.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.