APPROVED Minutes: FS meeting 9/18/2013

In Attendance: S Moeller (AAUP), M Yaya (AAUP), M Rahman (A&F), J DeMarte (Art), B. Winning (Bio), D Chou (CIS), R Quiel (CMTA), Z Bahorski (CS), S Hayworth (Econ), A Eydgahi (ET), S Norton (Eng), C Mayda (G&G), R Flowers (Grad), M Bluhm (HS), J Koolage (H&P), K Woodiel (HPHP), P Francis (L&C), R Baier (Lib), K Banerji (Mgmt), D Barton (M&L), G Dumitrascu (Math), P Koehn (Phys), J Kullberg (P Sci), K Schatzel (Provost), K Rusiniak (Psych), R Orrange (SAC), M Wedenoja (SW), P Smith (Spc Ed), M McVey (T Ed), P Majeski (T Std), A Coykendall (WGST), M Zinggeler (Lang), N Monea (Std Gov)

{Randy has minutes prior to my arrival at 3:31 and here they are…

Jeffrey Kentor introduced to the faulty senate … Comments

1. Good climate for graduate Ed, but infrastructure is problematic * application process, * culture of exceptions and waivers, rather than clear degree requirements, *need to get more even quality of theses

2. Need to improve research and expand ORD service}

[Computer Refresh & Other IT Issues as they relate to faculty– Zenia Bahorski]

- The committee has not met yet.
- There is an effort to increase the funding for this program, which has had the same budget for 9 years.
- Some emphasis will be put on allocation of funds, if faculty refreshed is to be prioritized.
- Suggestion: some faculty might be willing to defer refresh longer. Concern: precedent.
- AUP (Acceptable Use Policy) – there is a need for an update to this document, and some updates have been brought forward, but have not been approved. This committee has a scheduled meeting, but has not met yet.
- VoIP will be in the classroom, but they have a ton of useful features it would be helpful for faculty to understand and have familiarity with
- ACTION ITEM: Get IT to come give a presentation?
- Google Apps and Zimbra are both off-site service, but both are checked under FERPA

[Continuous Performance Improvement – Margrit Zinggeler]

- AAUP commented on the idea there are some restrictions on who may be evaluated by this processs.

[Paperless/Paper Survey – Abby Coykendall]

- ACTION ITEM: A survey will be circulated, regarding what you may need in terms of paper documents in an effort to save paper.

[HLC accreditation – Bin Ning]

- See attached slides.
- Concerns were raised as to the constitution of the UACC. There is very little faculty representation, and these are not appointed by the Faculty Senate.

- A concern was raised regarding the UACC newly formed Gen Ed Review committee and its role in this HLC stuff.
- Provost Comment – the UACC committee does not create policy, nor does it evaluate, it merely aggregates data.

[Faculty Senate Representation on the Ombudsperson Report – Sandy Norton]

- FSEB met with the Provost to discuss this issue.
- Provost Comments – the Ombudsperson's office had previously taken on the duties of a Dean of Students; the retirement of the former Ombudsperson has allowed these positions to be divided; the Ombudsperson will now deal with processes that do not have to do with academic (in particular faculty related) issues.
- Thus, no faculty input is required by the contract.
- Some comments were made about the timeliness of changes and reporting of changes made while faculty are off contract in the summer.
- AAUP: there is no contractual right over administrative appointments beyond department head, dean, and provost.

[College Re-Alignment of Computer Science]

- AAUP Comments (Susan Moeller): September 6th COT discussed this issue, and a memo was sent; from this meeting Wade Tornquist's memo included a realignment of CS to COT; this was a surprise to COT, just as much as it was to CS; AAUP has been working on this for a couple of weeks now; there is now a timeline for input. There is a document with the details of the timeline. COT and CS now have a detailed rationale. CS has now met with the Dean. CS has until October 25th for input on this new, detailed, rationale. CAS CAC has until December 2nd for input. The Faculty Senate has from January 15th until March 5th to given input.
- FS President (Sandy Norton): this issue has been raised for the purpose of transparency.
- Some concerns were again raised about the timeliness of these sorts of reports.
- Some comments about what "input" means – is it objection, or is it for organizing ideas and/or planning. AAUP Response: it is both.
- QUESTION: is there any contractual recourse if the administration decides to do x, where x has received appropriate input, according to the contract? AAUP Answer: none.

[Remarks from the Provost]

- In the Provosts Office holds that the processes in place are to get input, so that input will be considered, not to simply "follow the contract."
- Record incoming Freshmen class for the second year in a row; the dorms are full.
- A priority will be retention and graduation of these record classes.
- A focus will be on the graduation of retention for two target groups: single parents and men of color. These groups will receive extra attention in upcoming planning.
- There are some task groups formed to address possible outcomes

[eFellows]

- New Chair: Michael McVey

- Report: thanks for continuing to fund this; there are five proposals in.
- Need two CHHS rep for eFellows.

[Committee Calls]

- General Education Evaluation Committee – not sure what's needed
- General Education Review Committee – this committee needs to me, put together a charge, and still needs CHHS and COE reps; Judith Kullberg will be organizing a meeting, soon.
- Library Advisory Council – Joe Ramsey elected to this committee.
- Parking Committee – need a replacement for Daryl Barton for this year.

[Announcement – Sandy Norton]

- Topics for Faculty Affairs Meetings: (1) globalization in the classroom, (2) performance based educational funding, its harms, and so on