

MUW FACULTY SENATE

FEBRUARY 28, 2014

Members Present : Marie Byrne, David Carter, Kimberly Dorsey, Randall Foxworth, Terri Hammill, Bryan Hilliard, Alex Stelios-Wills for Beverly Joyce, Xiaoxia Li, Paul Mack, deb Miranda, Clara Rustin, Barry Smith, Royal Toy, and Nancy Wheeley.

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by President Royal Toy. The minutes of the January meeting were approved as written.

New Business :

- a. Policy Statement 1313 Criteria and Procedures for Faculty Salary Increases (Annual Review)
The Academic Council does not review this policy every year. Senate reviews this procedure annually.
- b. Policy Statement 3530 College Curriculum Advisory Committees—Academic Council recommended deleting this policy statement. Senate approved this recommendation.
- c. Policy Statement 3511 Admissions Committee—Academic Council has raised questions about the percentage of students admitted with probationary status.
- d. Health Center—Questions about staffing. The collaborating physician is not paid, and some areas within the School of Nursing do not allow their faculty to work in the Health Center, due to teaching focus.
- e. Sustainability—The Committee gets complaints of both buildings being too hot or too cold. The University will be in communication to resolve these problems. A couple of senators asked if the use of solar panels to help with utility costs had been considered.

Requests for Funding:

- a. Fund A: Currently has \$1568.30. Requests for funding totaled \$1350. Richard Holden, Marie Byrne, Angela Farmer and James Ward are all requesting funding at various levels for presentations at meetings. It was determined that Lee Crouse's request better fit the criteria for Fund B.
- b. Faculty Foundation Award—Fund B has \$2000. Lee Crouse's request for funding for a Certified Teacher Program (\$775) fit this category better. David Carter made a motion that the request be funded. Clara Rustin seconded the motion, and it carried.

Updates:

- a. Administrative Council—Royal—Residence Life has an 18 month plan for upgrading the WiFi in the dorms, and then painting.
- b. Academic Council—Barry—They are looking at the International Baccalaureate program, and student's credits.
- c. PIE Council—Nancy—Discussion on the upcoming SACS visit. SACS has changed a lot since their last visit (2003). Some concerns they voiced last fall have been addressed. They have told us in advance some of the things they want to see. Discussion also held on splitting PIE into a Planning committee and an Institutional Effectiveness committee. What would an IE committee look like?