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FACULTY SENATE

April 8, 2016
Cromwell 240

Members Present: Lee Crouse, Joyce Pate for Cathy Smith, Ashley Chisolm, Royal Toy, Kimberly Dorsey, Rick Montalto, Xiaoxia Li via Skype, Bobby Fugitt for Nancy Wheeley, Youn Mi Lee, Beverly Joyce for Ian Childers, Michelle Harmon, Carey McCarter, and Steven McCorkle.

President Lee Crouse called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

Steven McCorkle made a motion to approve the March minutes. Carey McCarter seconded the motion. The March Faculty Senate minutes were approved.

Committee Reports:

Administrative Council Report – Lee

The University is expecting flat funding for the upcoming year but will get more information on that subject in a few weeks (likely April 17-19th).

Monthly Meeting with the President- Lee

The weapons bill that would have effected institution died. The church gun bill did pass and is headed to the governor's office. The MS Speaker of the House is interested in changing the flag, especially with the bicentennial year upcoming and the opening of the civil rights museum.

PIE Council- Ashley

Elizabeth Carter, Assessment Specialist, reviewed the Faculty Satisfaction Survey and the Staff Satisfaction Survey result. Institutional Research may shorten the surveys next year in hopes of having more faculty/staff participation.

There was additional discussion about the new assessment processes. There are no SMART or ACTION forms for 2016-2017. Assessment plans and reporting will be done through TracDat program. The timeline for assessment depends on whether it is an academic or non-academic department: academic departments will follow the academic year while non-academic departments will follow the fiscal year. Each department will have three SLOs, one student achievement outcome, one general education outcome, and one program outcome that is tied into the new university strategic goals.

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Unfinished Business:

Faculty Welfare Committee

Senators reviewed the proposed university apartments policies and recommended several changes. The title would be changed to ‘University Apartments Committee’ and paragraph five of the policy would be changed to ‘The committee will meet regularly.’ Steven McCorkle made a motion to accept the changes and move forward with the policy. Carey McCarty seconded the motion. This motion was approved.

Faculty Salary

The senators reviewed a salary letter after review by the executive committee. Royal Toy made a motion to continue moving forward with the letter. Kimberly Dorsey seconded the motion. This motion was approved.

New Business:

Funding Requests:

There was one Level 1 Fund A Request from Jeffery Courtright to attend the Symposium on Living with Philosophy. This Fund A request was approved.

Policy Reviews:

New PS: Administrative Guidelines for the Appointment of Advisory Boards

Senators had several concerns about the advisory board policy. There is reference throughout the policy for the appropriate Dean to be contacted, but what about departments that report only to the Provost? Royal Toy made a motion to accept the policy with the recommendation that the wording be changed to replace the term Dean with the ‘appropriate supervisor’ depending on department and with a request for clarification of the questions discussed by the senators. Steven McCorkle seconded the motion. This motion with the recommendation and request for clarification was approved.

Elections for Senate Executive Committee:

Elections for the 2016-2017 Executive Committee were held.

The 2016-2017 Faculty Executive Committee is:

President: Lee Crouse

Vice-President: Steven McCorkle

Secretary: Ashley Chisolm

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Other:

Welcome to the new Faculty Senate Senators! New senators include: Marie Byrne, Chrystal Hodges, Bobby Fugitt, Mary Helen Hawkins, Valentin Bogdan, and Nicole Welch.

Suggested 2016-2017 Meeting Dates: September 9th, October 14th, November 11th, December 9th (if necessary), February 10th, March 10th, April 21st, May 12th (if necessary)

President Lee Crouse adjourned the meeting at 1:02p.m.