

MUW
FACULTY SENATE

12 October 2018

Cromwell 240

Members present: Ashley Chisolm, Steven McCorkle, Dorothy Berglund, Valentin Bogdan, Ian Childers, Nora Corrigan, Chrystal Hodges, Jonathon Hooks, Youn Mi Lee, Nicole Welch, Mary Helen Hawkins, Bobby Fugitt, Terry Todd, Hart Kayser, Shonda Phelon, Adrian Sligh

President Ashley Chisolm called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm.

1. Campus Police Overview—Chief Randy Vibrock
 - a. Chief Vibrock indicated that he would like to have such visits (with more campus groups) on a regular basis, as part of establishing departmental accountability and transparency across campus. He also manages the department, which means that he schedules officers' and dispatchers' shifts, arranges for officers to cover campus events, works to improve incident preparedness, and provides training for everyone in the department.
 - b. Chief Vibrock's background on the W police force and with the Columbus SWAT team has prepared him for his new role as chief
 - c. The campus police department currently has seven officers plus the chief; there is a current search for another dispatcher to allow officers to patrol campus.
 - d. Chief Vibrock's goal is to develop a professional department
 - e. Over the summer, staff received training on the Narcan protocol and natural gas emergency protocol
 - f. The department trained the new Night Owls, the student workers that provide shuttle service to students needing escorts at night; the new service runs from 7 pm-2 am, 7 days per week.
 - g. Campus security cameras have been updated; cameras are currently operational in public areas (e.g., gates, front of gym, Hogarth Student Center). Cameras are not monitored 24/7, but police do have access to the footage if needed for investigations
 - h. Ticketing is for major violations only at current time (e.g., parking in handicapped spot) due to being short staffed
2. Approval of minutes—September minutes were reviewed. Nicole Welch moved to approve; seconded by Steven McCorkle
3. Committee reports:
 - a. Administrative Council (President Chisolm)
 - i. Attended seminar by National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO) regarding raising funds and sustainability
 1. Seminar provided to look at W's current standing and goals, and how we can reach those goals
 - b. Meeting with Acting President Miller (President Chisolm)

- i. Meeting focused on faculty morale issues, as main event for month was NACUBO seminar (see above); created committee to bring faculty and staff together to plan events that could boost morale.
 - ii. Biggest concern on campus appears to be the change in policy regarding room set-up for events on campus; this semester will be a learning time for everyone as we adapt to the new setup policy
 - c. Expanded President's Council (did not meet)
 - d. Academic Council (Steven)
 - i. Six policies (policies Senate reviewed in September); noted that wording in PS 3520 (Scholarship Appeals Committee Policy Statement) was clarified to indicate that the scholarships covered by the policy are renewable scholarships offered by financial aid. A new attendance policy was also discussed.
 - e. PIE Council (Dorothy)—graduation survey, enrollment report, and university assessment were discussed.
 - i. The graduation survey had a better response rate than in prior years. Graduates surveyed indicated that the primary reason why they attend the W is because of the W's academic standing; cost and location were also rated as important reasons why alums chose the W.
 - ii. The lowest ratings were for food services and career services; the greatest improvement in ratings were shown by library services and services for commuter students.
 - iii. Enrollment overall dropped for the fall, but the W awarded a record number of degrees this past academic year.
 - iv. A full cycle of university assessments has been completed; people were better able to enter information into TracDat this year.
- 4. Unfinished business
 - a. PS 3520—Scholarship Appeals Committee Policy
 - i. Policy was tabled because of unclear wording; Steven (see above item 3d) noted that PS 3520 referred to renewable financial aid scholarships only; wording has been changed to indicate that fact. Motion to approve clarified wording given by Steven McCorkle; seconded by Valentin Bogdan. Motion carried.

5. New Business

a. Fund A and B

- i. One faculty member applied for both to attend teaching conference; faculty member is presenting and attending workshops at a conference geared to college teaching in their field.
- ii. PS 1310 indicates that Fund A is provided for conference attendance whereas Fund B is provided to enhance teaching; the way PS 1310 is currently worded does not prohibit use of these funds for conference attendance. As noted, however, using Fund B for conference attendance would quickly deplete the Fund B allotment for the year.
- iii. A current cap of \$500 was placed on Fund B requests until a subcommittee could be appointed to review PS 1310 and to clarify exactly how the funds can be used. Motion to approve given by Ian Childers; seconded by Nicole Welch. Motion carried.
 1. An ad hoc Senate subcommittee consisting of Shonda Phelon, Ian Childers, and Mary Helen Hawkins volunteered to review and clarify PS 1310.

b. Hearing panel pool (employee grievances)—Academic year 2018-2019

- i. Need three male and female volunteers; Ian Childers, Steven McCorkle Dr. Terry Todd, Mary Helen Hawkins, Dr. Nora Corrigan, and Dr. Youn Mi Lee agreed to serve.

c. Volunteer for Morale Committee (see above)—Valentin Bogdan agreed to serve

d. Attendance policy discussion:

- i. Most senators agreed that we need a uniform policy across campus
- ii. Also noted was the fact that the attendance policy is more stringent than the current policy.
- iii. Concerns were expressed over:
 1. How policy would be administered (who keeps track of records, for how long, and where)
 2. Micromanaging of faculty regarding attendance record keeping
 3. Policing students
 4. The fact that online attendance was not addressed
 5. Lack of clarity on priority of event attendance, if student is involved in multiple activities
 6. The potential for the list of excused absences to be abused
 7. The ability of faculty to allow for make-up activities when lengthy labs or internships/preceptorships are involved
 8. The fact that students could potentially have 25% of their time in class excused; when would faculty be able to suggest that the student takes an incomplete grade or drops with a penalty grade?
- iv. President Chisolm noted that we should also discuss policy with our faculty and send Steven any comments by 19 October.

e. Closing comment—next meeting is planned for 9 November; future meetings are planned for 8 February, 8 March, and 12 April (for installation of new Senators and election of ExComm). President Miller's investiture ceremony is planned for February 1, 2018 at 10 am. Meeting adjourned by President Chisolm at 1:44 pm.