

MUW FACULTY SENATE  
February 11, 2022  
Zoom Meeting

In attendance: Kristy Alpe, Kelly Bennett, Ian Childers, Mary Helen Hawkins, Jonathon Hooks, Susan Hurley, Holly Krogh, Hunter Manasco, Shana Lenoir, Chad Murphy, Kathy Newman, Amy Pardo, Shonda Phelon, Melissa Smith, Terry Todd, Lestonio Yarbrough

Absent: Nichole Bonaventure-Larson, Shyam Heda

Guests: Luis Leal Jr, Kaitlyn George, Ryan Howell, Mackenzie Pearce, Kristi DiClemente

1. President Manasco called the meeting to order at 12:18 p.m.
2. Unfinished Business
  - a. Name change
    - i. SGA guests noted justifications for both changing and keeping the name
      - A. keeping the name: acknowledges the W's historical significance and uniqueness, lack of resources and space on campus for more students if a name change increases enrollment
      - B. changing the name: recruiting high school students is a challenge, male athletes get teased, students have to explain who can attend
      - C. previous student surveys indicated weak support for a change due to ambivalence and uncertainty
      - D. making men more comfortable on campus is not a strong justification on its own for changing the name
      - E. the proposed name itself would strongly influence student support
    - ii. a senator shared some of their students' thoughts on a name change
    - iii. a senator noted that documentation on past activities related to changing the name were available in the library
    - iv. Ian made a motion that we survey the faculty on the issue, Terry seconded, the motion carried.
3. Approval of Minutes from January
  - a. Motion to accept by Kelly. Seconded by Ian. Motion carried.
4. Committee Reports
  - a. Administrative Council Report – Hunter
    - i. SACS and QEP development are underway.
    - ii. Degree completion was discussed as a priority.
    - iii. Policy statements 1305 (emeritus faculty), 1309 (syllabi), 3503 (IRB), and 3546 (enrollment management) were fully approved.
    - iv. The search for Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences is underway. Amanda Powers is the search committee chair.
    - v. COVID protocols may change soon.
    - vi. \$16 million being requested from legislature under COVID relief funding to renovate the Fant dorm for nursing.
  - b. Meeting with the President – Hunter
    - i. Discussion of name change and the importance of student support if it is to succeed
  - c. Academic Council – No report.
  - d. PIE Report – Holly

- i. CFO Mark Ellard presented; 93% of university budget is salaries/wages/benefits/contractual services
- ii. How PIE works: PIE makes recommendations on budget priorities to the president who decides what will be adopted; budget managers' requests must be tied to priorities; CFO and Director of Accounting (Susan Sobely); requests can only be made as part of the regular budget process
- iii. Assessment issues: some academic programs have not submitted realignments/revisions for the upcoming year; some assessment reports indicated the pandemic prevented data collection or influenced the results, but Carla Lowery cautioned us to avoid language such as we will "continue to do the assessment" in these situations as it will be a problem with SACS
- iv. SACSCOC 10-year self-study webpage is posted with subcommittee membership
- v. QEP: the plan is to adopt a new QEP by end of March
- vi. Fall 2021 enrollment down almost 10% in all colleges

5. New Business

- a. Fund A and Faculty Foundation Funds
  - i. Fund A – 12 applications have been approved for a total of \$3958; \$2042 remains available with a possible addition of \$2000 later in the year (for travel and presentation at conferences)
  - ii. Fund B – four applications have been approved for a total of \$2864; \$1136 remains available (for improvement of classroom teaching)
- b. Amy submitted an inquiry regarding protocols for administrator access to Canvas shells; Hunter will investigate and report back.
- c. MS Senate Bill 2113 prohibiting critical race theory in the classroom: concerns were expressed over lack of clarity in the bill and implications for campus student groups; Holly made a motion that Faculty Senate draft a resolution against the bill, Ian seconded, the motion passed; Hunter will draft a resolution and email it out for feedback.

Closing Comments/Adjourn – President Manasco adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Next meeting: March 11<sup>th</sup>

Suggested 2021-2022 Remaining Meeting Dates: April 8<sup>th</sup> (for installation of new Senators and election of executive committee)