
Members Present – M. Arndt, S. Boyd, N. Brooks, W. Canak, M. Deme, T. Farwell, M. Knight, A. Lutz, S. Mangrum, A. McCullough, W. Means, J. Reineke, C. True, A. Williams

Members Absent – D. Patterson, B. Turnage

Members Excused – J. Gray

Announcements

1. Scott Boyd welcomed the committee to the first meeting of the semester
2. Standing Committees: Prof. Boyd said that Dr. Canak has started to evaluate standing committee composition and charge. Prof. Boyd said that changes to standing committees need to be in by November 1, 2013. Dr. Canak has met with Dr. Sells regarding her standing committees. She provided her thoughts regarding merging committees.
3. Academic Scheduling Committee: Prof. Boyd said that the president sent a recommendation that the Academic Scheduling Committee become a standing committee. He said that possible concerns to this becoming a standing committee has to deal with staffing (would need one member from each college).
4. Governors Roundtable: Prof. Boyd said the Governor responded that the roundtable could not be fit into his schedule. Recommendations are to postpone the roundtable until after he candidates have filed. Roundtable is tabled until a later date.
5. Vice Provost Hires: Prof. Boyd said that the Associate Vice Provost for Student Success and the Interim Assistant Vice provost for Student Success have been named.
6. Student Success: Prof. Boyd said that President McPhee is intent on addressing student success.
7. Retention Hearings: Prof. Boyd said that retention hearings will begin in November.
8. Academic Advising: Prof. Boyd said that Customs advising is being looked at. The proposal is for each student to have a private advising session. Prof. Boyd said that Deans have expressed concern about being able to do this effectively.
9. Appointment, Promotion and Tenure: Prof. Boyd said he met with Dr. Gibson to discuss consistency regarding APT issues. It was said that there was some disconnect in expectations between chairs and some faculty members. Prof. Boyd said the APT issues will be addressed in the Chairs Council

10. Faculty Senate Openings: Prof. Boyd said that the Military Science seat on the Faculty Senate. A discussion followed regarding the impact of the Faculty Senate Bylaws which state senators must be tenured or tenure-track. A discussion followed regarding whether Military Science should be included in the senate. It was said that if there was assurance that the representative would show up to the meetings, the Senate would welcome the representative.
11. Faculty Senate Bylaws: Prof. Boyd said that there are some issues in the bylaws that need to be examined.
12. Midterm reporting: Prof. Boyd said this is the first semester that faculty are required to report midterm grades for all students. The deadline to report grades is October 22. It was said that the reporting system is part of the plans to assist in student success. There was a discussion regarding the input of the faculty regarding midterm grade reporting and the impact on student motivation. Questions were raised regarding the legal implications of midterm reporting and the number of times faculty would be asked to report.
13. The Year of the Veteran Vote: Prof. Boyd said there was some concern regarding how the vote was conducted. He said that we needed to follow Robert's Rules of Order.
14. Student Questionnaire: Prof. Boyd mentioned there was a discussion about sending a questionnaire to all advisees that would be turned in at each advising session. The questionnaire would include questions regarding various topics, including class performance and self-reported feelings. A discussion followed regarding accountability, chain of reporting, impact of questionnaire on students showing up to advising and legal implications. It was requested that an official statement from legal council be obtained regarding faculty accountability. Prof. Boyd said the questionnaire is a working document. It was determined that faculty would need more information regarding the impact of the questionnaire on FERPA issues, privacy issues, legal issues, personal issues, Buckley issues and malpractice issues. It was asked what sanctions would be applied to faculty who did not ask advisees to fill out the questionnaire.
15. Access and Diversity Town Hall: Prof. Boyd mentioned there is an Access and Diversity Town Hall on Oct 24th at 4:30 in the James Union Building.
16. Faculty Tailgate: Prof. Boyd said that 125 tickets were sold. He said there was a concern regarding Senate participation for staffing the event. He said that maybe a change of date would be more effective. He said that maybe the Senate could do something for an away game.
17. United Campus Workers Proposal: Dr. Lutz presented a handout from the UCW regarding their desire to have a more visible place on campus. He asked if it was acceptable to present this at the next Senate meeting to receive a response to the proposal.

Action items:

1. Prof. Boyd will send the Steering Committee a proposed agenda for the next Faculty Senate Meeting
2. Prof. Boyd will send the Steering Committee a scan of the working draft of the proposed questionnaire

Respectfully submitted,

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