

Faculty Senate Minutes September 20, 2012

Call to Order: Chair Chatham called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm; Riggle Room; ADUC

Senators Absent: Karla Aleman, Ray Bailey, Michael Fultz, Lisa McDavid, April Miller, Mee-Ryoung Shon, Gregory McBrayer attending for Christine McMichael

Visitors: Provost Hughes, Aaron Gay

Minutes: Senator Carlson moved to approve the minutes of August 30, 2012 and September 6, 2012 as submitted. Senator Chapman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Reports:

Chair's Report:

- Chair Chatham attended the Staff Congress meeting; SC is also interested in reviewing Standing and Advisory Committees; looking forward to working with Staff Congress on similar concerns of both groups
- Met with Steve Richmond to discuss faculty concerns with the IT Strategic Plan
- Attended President's Leadership Council
- Attended BOR meeting, PAC 27, 29 and 35 were approved

Provost's Report:

- Provost and Chair Chatham have constituted a "Senate/Academic Affairs Policy Recommendation Committee" to address the appeal process called for in PAC 35; Facilitator-Gerald DeMoss, Senators-Lesia Lennex, Beverly Klecker, Michael Fultz, Dean-Roger McNeil, Provost office-Janet McCoy, Chair/Associate Dean-Greg Russell, Faculty At Large-Paul Steele; will convene no later than the first week of October
- BOR approved two new degree programs in Communications; documentation to CPE should be complete by the end of next week
- Chris Miller and Darrin DeMoss are also on the IT Strategic Plan; Steve Richmond, Director of IT Applications Services, has made a significant effort to include Academic Affairs input in the IT Strategic Plan

Regent's Report:

- BOR heard a positive report on fall enrollment; first time freshman 1650; highest ACT composite at 21.9
- President reported on his University and personal goals
- Regent Morrison stated that the President wants to conduct a comprehensive employee benefits review and recommend adjustments as appropriate
- Approved disposal of Downing Hall and Waterfield Hall ; employees in Waterfield will move to the old court house building
- Student Athletic Learning Lab will be named after former HPER Faculty Member, Dr. Earl Bentley
- Ribbon cutting for the new KY Center for Traditional Music which is a very nice facility

General Education Council: Chair-Elect Rathbun presented a report from GEC:

- Choosing new FYS textbook
- Removing grade of "D" as an option in FYS
- Approved assessment tool for **new** courses that will be exchange courses; process for a new exchange course will be very different than how it worked in the old system, and she explained
- Report on SLOs where students did not achieve 70% or better

There was a question and answer session regarding GE.

Governance:

The Governance Committee asked for an open vote, and recommended that Seth Greene from Humanities be approved to fill a vacancy on the Research and Creative Productions Committee. There was discussion about non-tenured faculty serving on the RCPC. After discussion, the Senate approved Seth Greene to serve on the RCPC.

The Governance Committee still needs a member from Education to serve on the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

Academic Issues:

Senator Rathbun met with members of Staff Congress to discuss an Ombudsperson. Together they are working on background information on the Ombudsperson position and will prepare a report to present to the President and Provost by about October 6, 2012.

Faculty Welfare and Concerns:

Senator Gibbs reported that Senator Klecker, FWC member, volunteered to review PAc 2 and present her findings to the full FWC committee.

Senator Gibbs presented a draft of revisions to PAc 17 (Sabbatical Leave of Absence) for a first reading and explained the major changes. There were questions and clarification only. Chair Chatham asked that anyone with suggestions for amendments forward them to Senator Gibbs or a member of FWC as soon as possible.

New Business:

There was discussion regarding the updating and revision of department FEPs. There were many comments and questions regarding the formatting and development of an assessment matrix for the FEPs.

Announcements:

Next meeting October 4th

Steve Richmond will address the Faculty Senate on Thursday October 17th.

Adjournment: 5:50 p.m.