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Faculty Senate Meeting

Minutes

April 2, 2012

3:30 PM

Presiding: Michael Carter

Attendees: Lisa Abdallah (for Geoffry PhillipsMcEnany), Todd Avery, Dhimiter Bello (for Bryan Buchholz), Dorothy Brewin, Eve Buzawa, James Carifio, Michael Carter, Alexander Case, Janie Casello Bouges, Liana Cheney, Timothy Crain, Mitra Das, Lisa Edwards, James Egan, Cynthia Ferrara, Joseph Fisher, Marie Frank, Stuart Freedman, Clayton French, Jehanne Marie Gavarini, Robert Giles, Nancy Goodyear, Carol Hay, Ashleigh Hillier, Robert Karasek, Russell Karl, Sue Kim, Daniel Klain, Ainat Koren, Sarah Kuhn, Haim Levkowitz, Erika Lewis, Yan Luo, David Lustick, Sanjeev Manohar, Dalila Megherbi, Michael Millner, Arthur Mittler, Ravi Montenegro, Martin Moser, Nese Orbey, Robert Parkin, Jialun Qin, Charlotte Ryan, David Ryan, Thomas Shea, James Sherwood, Shellie Simons, Jana Sladkova, Phitsamay Uy, James Veatch, Thomas Wilson, Holly Yanco, Bruce Young

Recording: Martha Burns

The meeting convened at 3:37 PM.

1. Minutes of March 5, 2012 Faculty Senate Meeting

Marie Frank made a motion to accept March 2012 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes. It was seconded by Liana Cheney and passed unanimously.

2. Bookstore Update, (Ms. Ginger DeFino)

Ms. DeFino provided a Bookstore Update impressing the importance of students returning their book rentals as soon as possible. The point is to help the students save money. She also requested that book orders for the Fall of 2012 be placed as soon as possible. An attendee informed Ms. DeFino that many professors do not know what they will be teaching in the Fall. Ms. DeFino replied that as soon as professors know their teaching assignments they should forward their textbook information to the bookstore to help reduce textbook costs for students.

3. Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee (GPAC), Professor Sherwood
 - a. Proposal to Request an Option
M.Ed. Curriculum and Instruction: Teaching English to Speakers of Others Languages (TESOL), Non-Licensure, (Dean Greenwood)
Dean Greenwood provided an overview of the proposal. The targeted group is international students who wish to return to their own country and teach English to people in their home countries. The option is non-licensure. The proposal passed unanimously.
4. Undergraduate Policy Committee (UPC), (Professor Mittler)
 - a. Proposal to convert B.S. Environmental Science-Environmental Studies Option to a B.S. Environmental Science degree, (Professor Eby)
Professor Eby provided an overview of the proposal. The proposal passed unanimously.
 - b. Proposal for an Interdisciplinary Minor in Journalism and Media Studies, (Associate Dean Nash)
Associate Dean Nash provided an overview of the proposal. The program is a new and exciting one which follows the interdisciplinary model already being used by others. Professor Wael Kamal has been functioning as a visiting lecturer and will serve as interim director of the minor. The proposal passed unanimously.
 - c. Proposal for a new core curriculum sequence for the Music Department, (Professor Shirley)
Professor Shirley introduced the new core curriculum indicating that combining classes will make for a more holistic approach. Professor Paula Telesco of the Music Department indicated that she fears that restructuring the music curriculum in this fashion may perhaps jeopardize our accreditation. She stated that she wants it on the record that she is not in favor of this proposal. Considerable discussion took place. After a motion to call the question passed, the proposed new curriculum was approved.
5. Report from the Research and Development Committee, (Professor Parkin)
 - a. Policy and Procedures Relating to Misconduct in Research or Scholarship
Vice Provost Chen informed the Senate that interest in revising and finalizing the policy relates to the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) concern with respect to medical and health related research. Professor Parkin then informed the Senate that this document is "live" and will continue to be revised. After considerable discussion and debate it was determined that tabling the motion was in order.

The meeting adjourned at 5:06 PM.