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Faculty Senate Meeting

Minutes

November 2, 2015

3:30 PM

Presiding: Michael Carter

Attendees: Lisa Abdallah, Elizabeth Altman, Dhimiter Bello, Dina Bozicas, Bryan Buchholz, Eve Buzawa, Jennifer Cadero-Gillette, Michael Carter, Yu Cao, Michael Carter, Abigail Chandler, Guanling Chen, Shehong Chen, Timothy Cook, Timothy Crain, Adrian Cruz, Mitra Das, Paul DeStefano, Alan Doerr, Andre Dubus, Susan Faraji, Zahra Fardmanesh, Rebecca Foco, Steven Frye, Alice Frye, Heidi Furey, Jessica Garb, Mahdi Garelnabi, Michael Geiger, Robert Giles, Jennifer Gonzalez-Zugasti, Nancy Goodyear, Jennifer Gorczyca, Michael Graves, Keith Hallbourg, Michelle Haynes, Xavier Horta, Stephen Johnston, Whitley Kaufman, Alexander Kheifets, David Kingsley, Margaret Laccetti, Saira Latif, Cathy Levey, Haim Levkowitz, Erika Lewis, Karen Lin, Benyuan Liu, David Lustick, Maria Matz, John McKelliget, Kimberly Merriman, Garrett Michaelsen, Joshua Millard, Arthur Mittler, Joan MoriartyBaron, Charles Ormsby, Robert Parkin, Melissa Pennell, Mairead Pratschke, JianHuan Qian, Prakash Rai, Marina Ruths, David Ryan, Daniel Schmidt, Michelle Scribner-MacLean, Jana Sladkova, Meg Sobkowicz-Kline, Laurie Soroken, Ardeth Thawngmung, Mark Tries, Yana Weinstein, Jennifer Wilber, Miko Wilford, Thomas Wilson, Hengyong Yu

Recording: Martha Burns

- Minutes of May 4, 2015 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
A motion was made to approve the 5-4-15 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes. It was seconded and approved unanimously.

Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee (GPAC), (Professor Mawn)

- Proposal for Curriculum Changes to the Population Health Option in the Master of Public Health (MPH)
This item is for information only and does not require a vote.

Undergraduate Policy and Affairs Committee (UPC), (Professor Mittler)

- Proposal for enhancements to the Undergraduate Professional Co-op Program
Rae Perry, Director of the Professional Co-op Program provided an overview. More students want to participate in a 6 month co-op because they become more connected to a company. The enhancements offer two three month co-ops or one six month co-op. A motion was made to approve the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

For Information Only

- UPC: Proposal to revise the Chemical Engineering Curriculum
This item is for information only.

Other Business

- SAT Requirement Update
Dean Taylor and Kerri Johnston provided an overview of the revised SAT requirement. Dean Taylor thanked the Faculty Senate body for the opportunity to share and noted that it was the first time he had been invited to speak at the faculty senate. Kerri Johnston presented research findings indicating that high school GPA was a very good predictor of student success. In the interests of enlarging the pool of applicants, particularly from under represented groups, a proposal to allow some applicants for admission to the freshman class to substitute an essay in place of SAT scores was submitted to the Chancellor and the President's office. Students applying for merit scholarships would still need to submit SAT scores. Arthur Mittler indicated that the Administration should make every effort to keep the Faculty Senate body abreast of matters affecting academic policy.

Core Curriculum Committee, (Professor Graves)

- Michael Graves provided an update on the progress of the Committee. He requested that faculty call him directly rather than sending students to him for guidance.

Other Business

The meeting adjourned at 4:17 PM.