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FACULTY SENATE

March 11, 2016
Cromwell 240

Members Present: Lee Crouse, Cathy Smith, Ashley Chisolm, Royal Toy, Xiaoxia Li via Skype, Nancy Wheeley, Youn Mi Lee, Michael Calvery, Ian Childers, Tammy Bolton, Michelle Harmon, Carey McCarter, Steven McCorkle, and Melissa Smith

President Lee Crouse called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

President Borsig visited with Faculty Senate to discuss the budget and weapons bills currently in the legislature.

Dr. Borsig stated that the first appropriations bill would be seen next week for the budget.

Additionally, Dr. Borsig mentioned that the legislature has decriminalized enhanced carry. The IHL Board policy was brought in line with this law this year. This allows visitors with enhanced carry permits to come onto campus and in public spaces; however, the university gets to define our ‘public vs. private’ space. It appears that outdoor space will be public, and residence halls and campus buildings will be private. There is an ongoing conversation with MSMS about their weapons policy. There are five weapons bills still alive in the legislature and moving to the Senate. One specific bill, HB 758, would strip boards from issuing regulations about weapons. The next deadline to watch on the bills is March 22nd.

Royal Toy made a motion to approve the February minutes. Steven McCorkle seconded the motion. The February Faculty Senate minutes were approved.

Committee Reports:

Administrative Council Report – Lee

There was similar discussion over the budget and weapons issue that was addressed by Dr. Borsig.

Expanded Presidents Cabinet- Lee

There is a potential drone policy in the works that would ban drones from use on campus. The drone policy would be placed in the student handbook.

NSSE/CLA+ testing has begun for freshman and seniors. Please encourage your students to participate.

Monthly Meeting with President – Lee

Dr. Borsig, in his report to the senate, covered the items of concern from the monthly March meeting.

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Academic Council Meeting – Ashley for Cathy

Dr. Handy discussed the electronic/remote proctoring process.

The University Priorities Committee released a detailed document that will serve as a broad framework for campus. They will be unveiling this document during Homecoming. The New planning documents will tie the four goals to assessment documents.

Assessment/ TRACDAT timelines are changing. Academic units will follow the academic calendar and non-academic units will follow fiscal year format. Elizabeth Carter is the new Assessment Specialist and she is currently working with academic units. Each academic program must have 2 goals w/ 1 or more outcomes (a minimum of 3 SLOs per program). Additionally, minors will be assessed within their majors and graduate programs will now be assessed

TB screening policy for international students is changing. They will now require the blood test prior to beginning classes and the test must occur in the United States.

UCC proposals are due by February 24th.

PIE Council- Ashley

The majority of the meeting was focused on the draft of the priorities document. Once approved completely, the strategic goals will be tied to departmental goals.

Each smart plan should have 2 goals with 1 student achievement outcome and at least 3 SLOs.

Alumni survey is currently going on through Institutional Research.

Unfinished Business:

Faculty Welfare Committee

The committee would like to continue pushing forward with the policy by submitting the policy to the Provost.

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Faculty Salary

A letter for the Provost concerning faculty salary is under consideration of the Executive Committee. The letter will be presented to the faculty before the April Faculty Senate meeting.

New Business:

Funding Requests:

The six remaining Fund A requests (Royal Toy, Carrie Smith, Michelle Harmon, Donna Burlingame, Joy Townsend, and Lynn Hanson) were funded after the vote to shuffle Fund B funds into Fund A. Fund A has a remaining balance of \$649.64.

There was one Fund B request from Mallory Malkin. She was awarded \$800 from Fund B. The remaining balance of Fund B is \$340.00.

Policy Reviews:

New PS: Administrative Guidelines for the Appointment of Advisory Boards
A decision was made to table discussion of this policy statement until the April meeting. Several senators wanted to speak to their College about the implications of this statement on already existing advisory boards and guidelines.

Other:

Our next meeting will take place on April 8, 2016. The next meeting will involve the installation of new senators and the election of the Executive Committee.

President Lee Crouse adjourned the meeting at 12:59p.m.