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FACULTY SENATE

October 13, 2017

Cromwell 240

Members Present: Lee Crouse, Ashley Chisolm, Steven McCorkle, Ian Childers, Jonathon Hooks, Nicole Welch, Susan Hurley, Dorothy Berglund, Chrystal Hodges, Melissa Smith, Mary Helen Hawkins, Thomas Haffey, Tammy Bolton, Terry Todd, Michelle Harmon, Carey McCarter, Cathy Smith.

President Lee Crouse called the meeting to order at 12:27 p.m.

Minutes were reviewed. Jonathon Hooks moved to accept the minutes with minor revisions (spelling and inclusion of last names for senators who made motions). Dorothy Berglund seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Fund A is depleted as of 10/12/17. Dr. Richardson still has some funds (no exact dollar value given) if further requests arise. Some may be able to be covered.

Fund B has \$4500 as of 10/12/17. No applications yet. Encourage faculty to apply.

No updates on the housing committee efforts at this time.

Constitution review (executive committee) is in progress and will be completed before next meeting so that it can be extended to the faculty senate as a whole.

Distance Learning – Policy #1201

Handout provided with possible definitions for what constitutes distance learning.

Reviewed handouts and discussed possible consequences of not adding a definition (relative to upcoming training requirements for online teaching) with not having clear guidelines on who needs training and who simply uses Canvas to augment in class lectures

Terry Todd moved to revise the policy to include the definitions from the handout.

Mary Helen Hawkins seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Honors College Committee – Policy #3516

Terms of service were discussed to provide continuity to students and so that students and faculty would know how to pair up with projects to ensure consistency from start to finish. Recommended adding a 2 year (renewable) term to the policy.

Ian Childers moved to approve with revision.

Tammy Bolton seconded, and the motion passed.

Dr. Borsig addressed the Senate:

Expressed appreciation for a great start to the fall semester and academic year.

Addressed the happy challenge of convenient on campus parking with news that this has been resolved.

State economy –

State has had a decent first quarter

Hit revised revenue goal

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Figures are stable at this point and we are shifting into planning rather than reacting

Capital Campaign –

Goal is \$15 million

In the silent phase at this point.

Meeting with foundation board members

Halfway thru this process

100% commitment at this point

Must reach 100% and all deans and administration must agree as well

62% faculty/staff participation in foundation giving

Public announcement will come when above steps have been met

What are we raising money for?

Not fully settled yet but...tentatively

2/3 will be scholarships/endowments

MUW currently has 4th largest endowment in the state (out of the 8 major schools)

Buildings/Facilities –

Library has been declared a successful completion and opened though not all technology upgrades are currently in place

Student use of the facility appears to have increased and feedback is positive

Bids opened 10/12/2017 on Turner Hall/Dem School

2 low bidders within \$30k of each other at this point

More information to come in

Bids appear to be meeting funding that has been approved/committed

Softball Field/Playing Surface

Soon to execute contract for artificial turf

Multiple programs can take advantage of this

Payback is 7-8 years with expected life of 12

120 day project to install

Athletics –

Good shape and still moving forward

Only one more full-time hire to accomplish this year

Part time positions will be added as well

+50 more athletes over the next year

Moving toward 10 sports

Looking at conference membership now

Legislative session –

Legislators have shown more willingness to meet with IHL and Presidents over recent past

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Discussions will continue to take place regarding funding, raises, and tuition adjustments.

Nothing firm to report until this all moves forward.

The brevity of Dr. Borsig's discussion was remarkable and worthy of noting.

Committee Reports:

Administrative Council Report – Lee

Nothing could be added to Dr. Borsig's comments that covered this already.

Academic Council Report – Ashley

Attendance is still the primary topic of concern.

Reporting of non-attending students is stressed.

Reporting of attendance and non-attendance has been proposed for the spring semester.

Library opening on Oct. 20.

PIE- Steven

Review of the graduation survey and faculty and staff satisfaction surveys are occurring in subcommittee with recommendations for edits forthcoming.

Stress participation in the catalog of surveys – emails have already gone out

Meeting with the President- Lee

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President Crouse adjourned the meeting at 13:10.