

MUW Faculty Senate
November 30, 2012

Members Present: Royal Toy, Beverly Joyce, Kimberly Dorsey, Janice Giallourakis, Youn Mi Lee, Paul Mack, Jiben Roy, Nancy Wheeley, Clara Rustin, Terri Hamill, Marie Byrne, David Carter, Bryan Hillard, Barry Smith, Randall Foxworth

Members Absent: Rick Montalto, Joshua Oubre, Andrew Luccasen

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 12:15 in Stark 101.

2. Approval of minutes: Janice Giallourakis moved to accept the minutes with the removal of a typo in the attendance section. David Carter seconded the motion, and the Senate voted unanimously to approve the minutes with modifications.

3. Requests for funding: There were no requests for Fund A, which is depleted anyway. Fund B, which is geared toward course development, is still fully funded.

5. Updates

a. Administrative Council: Dennis Jones, consultant from NCHEMS hired by IHL Board for the funding formula, was on campus to meet with university administration. Kevin Crockett from Noel-Levitz, the consultant MUW hired to assist with enrollment, was also on campus. Crockett noted that increasing private funding will be important as well as being student-driven. The findings from the dialog sessions with ID Group (held earlier in the semester) will be announced in January.

b. Academic Council: Two new technical positions related to online education were posted today. The evaluation of adjunct instructors was also discussed.

c. PIE Council: PIE Council did not meet this month.

d. Monthly Meeting with the President: A permanent home for the Faculty Senate is on the Master Plan for the University, and the President is still looking for a suitable site. Safety issues on campus have been discussed at various student meetings. Chief Patton will investigate possible action. The state legislative budget should be finalized in December. The President called for collaboration between faculty members to help with online issues. He also wants the Faculty Senate to be a driving force to improve the institution and is soliciting suggestions on how to elevate the position of the Faculty Senate.

e. Expanded Cabinet Meeting: The IHL Board call for diversity was discussed. The state is having difficulty with its own language since its policy must cover all the public universities in the state. In the meantime, IHL will hold each institution responsible for its own diversity policy. Royal reported that MSU and Ole Miss have instituted a \$100 facility fee separate from tuition, which MUW could emulate for help with technical infrastructure. The study on collegiate sports has moved on to phase two, which should be completed in either the spring or summer. Estimates have a program beginning in 2014, although which sports will be instituted remains to be determined. Swimming, golf, and tennis were mentioned as possibilities; the sports programs will probably be introduced in phases. The President's inauguration is

scheduled for February 15. Paul Mack asked how much this event will cost the university [Royal Toy found this information after the meeting and emailed it to the Senators.]

6. Old Business

Faculty subcommittees reported their findings:

- Academic Dishonesty Policy: Randall Foxworth, Janice Giallourakis, Josh Oubre
 - This is to review the current policy/practices and make recommendations for any changes (examine undergraduate handbook, grievance committee, appeals committee, and any other relevant documentation). Randall reported on the subcommittee's findings. Having examined the university academic dishonesty policy, he met with Dr. Heinemann. The Provost thanked the subcommittee for their work and said that he had put together his own task force for address the issue. He requested that the Faculty Senate give input on a list of points. [Randall converted the list of points to a series of questions; these have been emailed to Senators.]
- New Faculty Orientation: Andrew Luccasen, Kimberly Dorsey, Youn Mi Lee
 - This is to make recommendations for meaningful university-wide orientation (this should be general in scope and relate to operations / activities / or general university issues). Specific information can be taken care of in individual colleges and / or departments. This subcommittee has made preliminary progress and will meet in January to make full recommendations.
- Evaluation of Department Chairs: Beverly Joyce, Theresa Hamill, Marie Byrne, Nancy Wheeley
 - This is to determine if PS#6705 may be amended to include department chairs or if a new policy needs to be written. The language of any revisions or new policy will be proposed. The subcommittee met and found that PS #1314 was the more appropriate policy to amend and presented their findings. The Senators made numerous suggestions to improve the revisions. The problems stem from the dual nature of the department chair – that of an administrator and of a faculty member. Revisions will be made and re-presented to Faculty Senate.

7. New Business

a. Policy Reviews:

- PS #1000: This was approved with the addition of a review every five years.
- PS #1301: This was approved to initiate the review process.

8. Announcements: Next meeting on January 25, 2013 at 12:15 pm in Stark 101.

9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 pm.