

MUW Faculty Senate  
April 26, 2013  
(Approval Pending)

Members Present: Royal Toy, Beverly Joyce, Richard Montalto, Kimberly Dorsey, Janice Giallourakis, Youn Mi Lee, Paul Mack, Jiben Roy, Nancy Wheeley, Johanna Price (for Marie Byrne), David Carter, Bryan Hillard, Barry Smith, Randall Foxworth, Andrew Luccasen, and Alexei Huguley

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 12:15 in Stark 101
2. Approval of minutes: Janice Giallourakis motioned to approve the minutes, and Paul Mack seconded the motion. The Senate voted unanimously to approve the minutes.
3. New Business
  - a. All of the new senators were introduced.
  - b. Policy reviews: PS 1306 had no review date; Royal Toy and Paul Mack both suggested a review date of every 5 years. Randall Foxworth motioned to approve the suggestion, and Paul Mack seconded it; the review date was accepted. Changes to PS 1311 was proposed to the Senate; Randall Foxworth motioned to accept the changes with the following grammatical corrections:
    - 5f) an apostrophe in the word “respondent’s”
    - 5g) same as above
    - 5i) To be changed to: The peer review board must provide written documentation to the Provost/Chief Academic Officer summarizing their investigation and determining their process and state whether misconduct in research did or did not occur. This determination will be based on a majority vote.
  - c. Elections of officers: Royal Toy (President), Barry Smith (Vice-President), and Nancy Wheeley (Secretary)
  - d. Commencement marshal: The Senate will select two marshals for faculty at the August meeting for the December and May commencements.
4. Requests for Funding:

Amy Pardo applied for Fund A (\$350) at level one for an April conference. Royal Toy will look into the possibility of securing funds for her.
5. Updates:
  - a. and b. The updates for the Administrative Council and the Academic Council were sent ahead to the Senators.
  - c. PIE Council: Nora Miller gave an account of the IHL budget formula, which gives points for a number of criteria that The W meets. As a result of this newly revised formula, we are the most underfunded institution in the IHL system and will receive an additional \$900,000. The university is currently investigating how best to invest the funds in order to enhance our standing in the budget point system.

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We went over the Budget and Planning Priorities from last year with the following changes:

- We tie the MUW Strategic Goals to the Priorities by referencing the specific Goal after each Priority.
- Priority 3 was divided into two: a) focusing on faculty and staff; and b) raising funds through grant development and donor support.
- Priority 5 and 6 were combined (accreditations and government/IHL compliance)

Institutional Level Thresholds or Benchmarks – SACSCOCS requires that the institution has a common definition of “success” to measure student achievement. PIE Council will develop a statement to meet that requirement.

We reviewed the Institutional-Effectiveness Planning Guide (SMART and ACTION). The Council voted to move the SMART assessment deadline to the same time as ACTION for budget planning purposes. Two dissented on the vote: Beverly Joyce and Dionne Fortenberry.

d. Meeting with the President: No word about faculty salaries as of this date. As for recruitment and retention of students, Dr. Borsig stated that the faculty will have a voice in future plans; we will hear more about this at a later date. Fant library has been funded for phase 2 and will probably get phase 3 funding. The university will look at room usage to study power consumption. The university has been looking at the length of time taken for students to complete degrees (many up to 8 years); overall completion of degrees is up 14%.

#### 6. Old Business

a. Senate Charge: Royal Toy encouraged Senators to bring recommendations for campus improvement to the next meeting.

7. Announcements: The next meeting will be on August 23 at 12:15 in Stark 101.

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:17.