

MUW FACULTY SENATE

OCTOBER 25, 2013

Approved

Members Present: Marie Byrne, Lee Crouse for David Carter, Kimberly Dorsey, Randall Foxworth, Kristi Acker for Terri Hamill, Alexei Huguley, Beverly Joyce, Youn Mi Lee, Jiben Roy for Xiaoxia Li, Andrew Luccasen, Paul Mack, Deborah Miranda, Rick Montalto, Clara Rustin, Barry Smith, Royal Toy, and Nancy Wheeley.

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by President Royal Toy. After making two spelling corrections, Paul Mack made a motion the minutes of the September meeting be approved. Barry Smith seconded the motion, and it carried.

New Business :

- a. Fund B allocation—Mark Bean came before the Senate on behalf of the QEP process seeking funding to aid in the work of the QEP program for the fall of 2014. This is money generally awarded as one \$1,000 and two \$500 grants. The QEP program would have to take their chances on the grants, if there were other applications for the money. Discussion on the matter included the questions : Would this be an annual request, and should we give preference to the QEP proposals. After the discussion, Randall Foxworth made a motion that we award them a grant. Paul Mack seconded the motion, and it carried.
- b. Faculty Apartments—We have received a letter from a faculty member who currently resides in the Faculty Apartments about the problems they are having, and the condition of the apartments. The ban on pets has kept some faculty/staff from moving in. This has left several vacant apartments, which have been occupied by students. These students are turning the apartments into flop houses and party zones, resulting in frequent visits by the police, and more and more faculty fleeing. Some of the students are subletting their apartments, and there is no inspection of the facilities. Discussion was held on ways to end this abuse, and return the apartments to their original purpose, an incentive to help attract faculty.

Requests for Funding :

- a. Fund A request—Valentin Bogdan has requested funding to aid in his appearance in Composition & Performance at the NACUSA Festival. The Executive Committee approved awarding him \$250.

Updates :

- a. Administrative Council—Royal—Currently there are no plans for an increase in tuition. The funds that supported the Hearin Leadership program have been spent. The program that will succeed it will be housed in Business and Professional Studies. The Pell grant program is being examined. The University’s “report card”, and building funds were also discussed.
- b. Academic Council—Barry—102 students have indicated they plan to attend the October 26th Open House (formerly “W” Day). Tammy Prather presented the proposed Academic calendars for the next couple of years. With plans for intersession courses to begin in May of 2014 it will make scheduling very tight, and might necessitate some “shifting”, such as moving the August commencement from a Friday to Saturday. Teaching loads and salaries for the intersession courses would be similar to the summer courses, and separate from the normal August—May teaching loads. Discussion was also held on the work load of adjunct faculty as a percentage of full-time faculty work loads. This will be needed in determining benefits-eligible employees, and those affected by the Affordable Care Act. An adjunct faculty member teaching more than two courses may indicate a need to add to our full-time faculty. The College of Education and Continuing Education will present a webinar on Nov. 21 at noon about strategies for helping students.
- c. Monthly meeting with the President—Royal—Mapping the curriculum was discussed.

Old Business:

Remember to e-mail Royal with ideas.

Announcements :

NEXT MEETING: November 22, 2013 at 12:15 p.m.

The Senate meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.