

MUW FACULTY SENATE

January 24, 2014

Members Present : Marie Byrne, David Carter, Kim Dorsey, Irene Pintado for Randall Foxworth, Bryan Hilliard, Carol Dowdy for Alexei Huguley, Beverly Joyce, Youn Mi Lee, Andrew Luccasen, Paul Mack, deb Miranda, Richard 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. The minutes of the November 22nd meeting were approved as written.

New Business:

- a. Policy Statement 7601-Solicitation & Fundraising—David Carter and Barry Smith presented updates and clarifications to the Policy Statement.
- b. Policy Statement 7202-Textbook & Related Materials/Supplies—The Senate approved deletion of this policy statement, since the content is covered in Policy Statement 7201.
- c. Policy Statement 1301—Employment of Faculty or Professional Staff in the Area of Academic Affairs—a question was raised about having students on a search committee for an administrative position. The Senate approved the policy statement with changes.
- d. Symposium by new faculty—Beverly Joyce announced that the Provost Fellows will be sponsoring a symposium with presentations by new faculty (4 years or less) on April 14th at 6 p.m. in Poindexter Auditorium. There will be presentations by two new faculty from each college. Beverly is also working on the Academic Affairs website.
- e. Online verification –questions have arisen about online courses, face-to-face courses, and blended courses which mix the two. One method would deal mainly with Blackboard, and would feature secure login, unique SID, and passwords for access to Blackboard. The other method would deal more with proctored exams, group work, performance activities, field/clinical experiences, and criminal background checks.

Requests for Funding:

- a. Fund A: Michelle Harmon and Beverly Joyce have each received funding at the \$150 level. This will leave the fund with \$1568.30 for the remainder of the academic year.
- b. Fund B : Nothing has been awarded yet. This is generally funding for curriculum development.

Updates:

Administrative Council—Royal—We may be getting more funding. Pay raises will include the IHL and not just K-12. The institutional profile is on the WEB. Enrollment is down 3 1/2 % overall from last spring, but Sophomore, Graduate, and part-time enrollment are up.

Academic Council—Barry—a lot of discussion on Intersession courses. A student may only take 4 hours during intersession. Pay for intersession teaching varies. Intersession courses may count as a teaching overload. A faculty member may only teach one intersession course. Questions arose on academic requirements of international students, and who is checking on their health status.

PIE—Nancy—PIE Council is dealing mostly with SACS related issues. We have begun to hear back from some of the visiting teams.

Monthly meeting with the President--Royal –Discussed retention of male students. The Center for Teaching and Learning is searching for a director. We should be seeing more support from the Legislature in this year's session, or possibly next year's session. Discussion was held on a permanent meeting and office space for the Faculty Senate.

Old Business:

Remember to e-mail Royal with ideas.

Announcements:

- a. Questions have arisen about EMCC still trying to put a nursing program on their Meridian campus that would conflict with ours. This would create more competition at the Assistant Professor level, then at the Associate Professor level.
- b. NEXT MEETING: February 28, 2014 at 12:15 in Stark 101.

The Senate meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.