

MUW FACULTY SENATE

APRIL 25, 2014

Members Present: Marie Byrne, David Carter, Kim Dorsey, Randall Foxworth, Lorraine Gaddis (for Terri Hammill), Bryan Hilliard, Beverly Joyce, Youn Mi Lee, Xiaoxia Li, Paul Mack, deb Miranda, Richard Montalto, Clara Rustin, Barry Smith, Cathy Smith, Royal Toy, and Nancy Wheeley.

President Royal Toy called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. The minutes of the March meeting were approved, with one correction. President Toy welcomed new senator Cathy Smith, from the Nursing Faculty on the Tupelo campus.

NEW BUSINESS:

Policy Statement 1303—Promotion of Faculty—Approved, with a few changes in wording.

Policy Statement 1313—Criteria & Procedures for Faculty Salary Increases—Approved, with review changed to every 5 years. There was a question about using the term “merit” The policy statement can be changed at any time, it doesn’t have to be five years between reviews.

Policy Statement 3506—Academic Advising Corps—Deletion of the policy statement was approved. The procedures are all covered in other Policy statements.

Requests for Funding:

Fund A: Now has a \$ 0 balance.

Faculty Foundation Award—Fund B: Now has a balance of \$975.

Updates:

Administrative Council—Dr. Richardson will be serving as Interim Provost. Some of the small programs may be in danger.

Academic Council— With the questions the SACS committee asked on their recent visit fresh in their minds, Academic Council is already collecting data in preparation of the next visit. They are looking at the term “satisfactory academic progress”. Does it refer to actual progress, or the financial effect? Students who drop a course in the first 9 days of the semester will not have the course appear on their transcript, but day 10+ it will show as a W. There was a question about dropping a course (number of hours) affecting a student’s scholarship. The Center for Academic Success is now the Student Success Center. Work is being done on our on-line catalog. The director of the Honors College will be on sabbatical for the Fall 2014 semester.

Monthly meeting with the President – Nora Miller is still working on a space for the Senate. Check your announcement for the August 2014 meeting, for a possible new location. Discussion was held about budgets. Royal is recommending \$700 for the Senate to cover travel, copying, commodities. The Center for Teaching and Learning finally has job descriptions.

Old Business:

Senate Constitution Vote — After Senate approves any changes, it will then go to the general faculty for a vote. After the April Senate meeting, this went to the faculty via an electronic survey and was approved. It will now go to the Provost for approval.

Update on Health Center — Would like a clarification if all their services are available at all times. If you have any concerns, send them to Royal by April 30th.

Update on Budget — After all the requests are turned in, there will be a general budget hearing, and money will be allocated. There will be some faculty raises for the 2014-15 year.

Election of Officers: The following were nominated for Senate Officers for the 2014-15 year:

President—Royal Toy

Vice President— Nancy Wheeley, and Kim Dorsey

Secretary— Beverly Joyce, and Nancy Wheeley

Election results:

President—Royal Toy

Vice President—Kim Dorsey

Secretary—Nancy Wheeley

Announcements:

Discussion for the August 2014 meeting will include Faculty Housing, and pets in the Faculty Apartments.

NEXT MEETING: August 29, 2014 at 12:15 p.m. Location TBD.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.