

MUW

FACULTY SENATE

September 26, 2014

Members Present : Donna Burlingame for Marie Byrne, Dana Walker for Michael Calvery, Lee Crouse, Kimberly Dorsey, Randall Foxworth, Terri Hammill, Beverly Joyce, Youn Mi Lee, Andrew Luccasen, Paul Mack, Tara Sullivan for deb Miranda, Richard Montalto, Clara Rustin, Melissa Smith, Royal Toy, and Nancy Wheeley.

President Royal Toy called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. The minutes of the August 2014 meeting were approved with two corrections.

Requests for Funding:

Fund A had a balance of \$5,000. We received seven requests for funding at the \$350 level, and three requests for funding at the \$250 level, for a total of \$3,200. Fund B is awaiting its official balance, which may be \$2,000.

A question arose about a program scheduled for the Spring of 2015. Since the benefits will cover a wide area, what will be the appropriate area to apply to for funding? President Toy will discuss this with the Provost.

Updates :

Administrative Council and Academic Council—Royal—The Data Center hopes to do an upgrade on the firewall during Fall Break. Administrative Council had a presentation on the Campus Master Plan. The Academic Council received the results from the CLA. We were reported as performing BASIC, which means we are O.K., but have room to improve.

PIE Council—Did not meet.

Monthly Meeting with the President—Royal—Faculty housing is still under discussion. Several Senate members have offered to serve on a committee investigating this further. Our athletics program was discussed, particularly returning to intercollegiate sports. The Registrar's Office is doing some tweaking of their website. Transfer students need to be sure they do not wait until their graduation semester to make sure all their coursework is done.

Expanded Cabinet Meeting—Royal—Parent and Family Day will be September 27th. Sirena Cantrell has been named our Title IX Co-Ordinator. Discussion was held on : Support for research and funding, how our salaries compare to other schools in our SREB area, are our faculty qualified and current in their fields. Concerns have been voiced about the Campus Safety plans, particularly the areas "outside the fence". The Dining Hall was also under discussion—Space for feeding groups, and a change in menu selections reflecting more diversity in tastes, since we have more foreign students.

Old Business :

Report on Campus Health Center—Royal has been communicating with Dr. Adams about hours of operation, services available, and posting to the Health Center’s website if conditions have necessitated temporary changes.

Housing Committee—We have had six faculty members willing to serve on this committee. Most of them have, or are currently residing in the Faculty Apartments.

New Business:

Hearing Panel Pool—Six faculty members have volunteered to be available if a committee needs to hold a hearing.

Policy Statements:

#3530—Recommended for deletion because functions are performed by Department chairs and faculty within each program. The Senate supported this recommendation.

Conflict of Interest/Anti-Kickback and Procurement Ethics—a proposed PS dealing with the handling of contracts, making sure we are in compliance with the law. The Senate approved the creation of this PS.

University Endowment Earnings Spending Policy—a proposed PS to put into writing the procedures in practice for handling the earnings from endowments. The Senate approved the creation of this PS.

#1312—Post-Tenure Review—This policy statement is up for review. Discussion on this PS concluded that each discipline has its own form of reviewing. The policy statement should ensure that faculty members should be producing, and not “resting on their laurels”. The Senate concluded that the policy is written specifically for someone not producing.

Announcements:

“W Walks to Lunch”—will be held Wednesday, October 15th. This event is co-sponsored by the W’s Passport to Wellness program and Main Street Columbus. Everyone is encouraged to wear a piece of “W” clothing and walk to Downtown Columbus for lunch. Restaurants and merchants will be offering special menus/sales.

Our next meeting will be October 24th.

The Senate meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

