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FACULTY SENATE

March 10, 2017

Cromwell 240

Members Present: Lee Crouse, Steven McCorkle, Ashley Chisolm, Cathy Smith, Youn Mi Lee, James Todd for Michael Calvery, Beverly Joyce for Ian Childers, Tammy Bolton, Michelle Harmon, Jonathon Hooks, Carey McCarter, Melissa Smith, Chrystal Hodges, Bobby Fugitt, Mary Helen Hawkins, Valentin Bogdan, and Bonnie Oppenheimer for Nicole Welch.

President Lee Crouse called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

President Crouse turned the meeting over to Dr. Richardson.

Dr. Richardson discussed the current budget situation. So far this fiscal year, there have been three budget cuts. The university is currently in a hiring pause and the university is continuing to look at efficiencies and restructuring on campus to achieve savings. Dr. Richardson stated that over \$808,000 has been cut and the education enhancement fund is down this year. Dr. Richardson stated that the university did not know where the university was going to be in the next fiscal year. In December, the legislative budget recommendation was \$760,000 lower than where we started this fiscal year.

Dr. Richardson stated that they are looking at university positions and that he is hoping that no people will lose their jobs. He discussed the elimination of the EDHS Dean position and the shifting of academic departments. The Departments of Education and Psychology and Family Studies will move to the College of Arts and Sciences. The Department of Health and Kinesiology will move to the College of Nursing and Speech Language Pathology. Dr. Richardson stated that there was no talk at this point for further consolidation.

There is a CAO meeting next week. Dr. Richardson stated that he has been hearing that other universities are looking at restructuring, while others are freezing promotions and are considering furloughs. On the other hand, Dr. Richardson mentioned that there is a tuition increase that has already been approved for next year. Additionally, the university is looking forward to the influx of student athletes in the fall.

Steven McCorkle made a motion to approve the February Faculty Senate meeting minutes with the replacement of the word 'lieu' with 'light' in the section about administrative council. Valentin Bogdan seconded the motion. The February Faculty Senate minutes were approved.

Committee Reports:

Administrative Council Report –Steven for Lee

The discussion focused on the current budget cuts. All spending is restricted to \$100/day on purchase orders. Additionally, the university is looking at a capital campaign and is moving forward with that.

There have been forty-five student athlete commitments at this point.

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Monthly Meeting with the President- Lee

Dr. Borsig mentioned that the budget from the state is due at the end of the month and the IHL meeting will occur in the upcoming weeks. Dr. Borsig mentioned that all public universities are dealing with the budget cuts.

Academic Council – Steven

There was more budget discussion including staff issues and restructuring.

The report for low enrolled programs was mentioned at the meeting.

PIE Council- Ashley

PIE Council discussed the budget priorities for next year. The Council approved a motion to table the budget recommendations until the next meeting.

Unfinished Business:

The Faculty Senate Housing Committee will be going back to work on the university housing policies since they were declined for further review. The housing committee will collaborate with staff council and SGA.

New Business:

Funding Requests:

Fund A has been depleted. Any further requests will be reviewed by the faculty senate committee and then forwarded to the Provost.

Fund B has a deadline of November 1st. There is \$1750.89 in Fund B. President Crouse opened the floor to discussion about whether or not Faculty Senate would like to set a cap for the Faculty Foundation Fund. Ashley Chisolm mentioned that the language in PS 1310 references a possible procedural document that would provide the funding committee with more guidelines for awarding these funds. Melissa Smith made a motion to table the cap until more information could be found out about the procedural document. Valentin Bogdan seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

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Policy Reviews:

PS 3503 – Valentin Bogdan made a motion to approve PS 3503 Carey McCarty seconded the motion. The motion passed.

PS 3527- Valentin Bogdan made a motion to cancel PS 3527. Youn Mi Lee seconded the motion. The motion passed.

PS 3528 – Steven McCorkle made a motion to approve PS 3528. Tammy Bolton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

PS 1313- Steven McCorkle made a motion to approve PS 1313. Tammy Bolton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

President Crouse adjourned the meeting at 1:25p.m.