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FACULTY SENATE

February 9, 2018
Cromwell 240

Members Present: Lee Crouse, Ashley Chisolm, Steven McCorkle, Ian Childers, Jonathon Hooks, Nicole Welch, Valentin Bogdan, Dorothy Berglund, Brenda Dickey (for Chrystal Hodges), Melissa Smith, Mary Helen Hawkins, Andrew Luccasen (for Thomas Haffey), Tammy Bolton, James Terry Todd, Carey McCarter, and Cathy Smith

President Lee Crouse called the meeting to order at 12:17 p.m.

The November minutes were reviewed. Cathy Smith moved to approve with one spacing revision. Dorothy Berglund seconded. The motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Administrative Council Report – Lee Crouse

- Budget report and PowerPoint that was emailed out was the focus of Administrative Council.
- PS 4101 was approved to go into review

Academic Council Report – Ashley Chisolm

- Baccalaureate degree programs are being reviewed
- Academic second chance program is being reviewed
 - How is it being used?
 - Why is it not being used in more cases it could be?
- Review of SACS requirements in light of our policies
 - We currently have more stringent requirements than necessary in some areas
 - Percentage of degree hours exceeds SACS requirements
 - Will review to determine if we should back down to SACS or maintain higher requirement
- Academic Freshstart
 - Rarely used
 - No changes recommended at this time
 - Encourage use for those who qualify
- Course repeat/replacement policy reviewed
 - This appears to be used more often than other forgiveness policies

PIE- Steven McCorkle

Did not meet in January

Meeting with the President- Lee Crouse

- Focus was on budget issues addressed in Administrative Council
- Won't know until end of March for budget from state and end of April for IHL – our process for budget has already started so that we will be ready

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- Flat funding is expected
- Still have a goal/priority of 3% raise for faculty
- Blue Cross/Blue Shield prices have increased for both employees and university and must be budgeted for
- Searching for bond money for further physical improvements to campus – tear down unused buildings and specifically a new building/facility for our culinary program as it has outgrown its current facilities
- House Bill 1083 was addressed and faculty are encouraged to call their legislators and express their opinion on this bill

Unfinished Business:

Housing Committee – University Apartments

Glenn Halbert and James (last name unknown at this time) will represent staff on the joint committee

Faculty Senate Constitutional Review by Executive Committee

Limited feedback from faculty

Continue to encourage discussion

Full discussion tabled until March meeting

Ian Childers made this motion

Dorothy Berglund seconded

Senate Budget

Approximately \$350 is needed for office supplies

Some travel may be necessary to meet with other university presidents

Motion to retain \$750 for necessary expenditures and roll \$2000 for availability to faculty was made by Ian Childers and seconded by Melissa Smith.

Motion carried

Faculty lines

Progress appears to have been made

Position advertisements are up and others are in process

New Business:

A. Fund A is depleted. \$4500 in Fund B with still no applicants

See above for budget reallocation

B. PS 4101

a. Ian Childers moved to table until March

b. Nicole Welch seconded and the motion carried

C. March meeting was moved to March 2 to ensure quorum could be achieved without concern for spring break travels

D. Senate addressed concerns for campus safety

a. Spirited discussion followed and included:

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- i. Timing and mode of W-Alerts
- ii. Wording of W-Alerts
- iii. Transparency following incidents on campus
- iv. Concern for the need of more security/police presence
- b. Faculty Senate decide to pursue communication with administration and written expression of concern
- c. Draft of letter to administration/appropriate parties to be worked on for approval at March meeting

President Lee Crouse adjourned the meeting at 1:37 p.m.