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FAEC

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ASB 230

Members Present: President Jim Morley, Alex Olbrecht, Jeremy Teigen, Sam Mustafa, Ruma Sen, Elaine Risch, Eric Haye, Max Goldberg, Jill Weiss, Marcia Sexton (recorder)

Guests: Cindy Brennan, Registrar

1. Approve minutes: Approved

2. Review of 10-20-10 FA meeting

Members present participated in a brief discussion regarding last week's Faculty Assembly meeting. Some observations included the suggestion of shortening the President's Report and to be aware of announcements masked as new business.

3. Unit reps report from respective Unit council meetings.

Councilor Olbrecht reported that ASB wants to continue with paper evaluations. Councilor Mustafa reported that AIS insisted that paper evaluations were the default. Councilor Goldberg reported that 80% of TAS approved of the online evaluations. Following these reports, Council discussed concerns with response rates, extreme ranges of responses, and expenses related to paper evaluations vs. online evaluations.

Action Item: Provost Barnett will be invited to a future meeting for continued discussion.

4. Update on Faculty concern for Student culture - Alex and Jim.

President Morley and Councilor Olbrecht are coordinating schedules with President Mercer for a visit to Lehigh University.

5. Committee Creep research (to be collated and organized by Sam Mustafa)

Councilor Mustafa presented the collated list of all-college committees with faculty representation. There was brief reaction to the number of committees and Councilor Weiss reiterated her concern with the duplication of committee work in terms of academic purview. Members were reminded of the purpose of the Academic Review Committee (ARC) to review curricular matters. It was suggested that FAEC/ARC be the creators of subcommittees with reporting structures to maintain accountability.

Action Item: Councilors Weiss and Sen will develop a proposal for Faculty Assembly vote.

6. Max's proposal on release time.

Councilor Goldberg presented his proposal on "encumbered release time" and "unencumbered release time." A primary suggestion requested that "release time" be changed to "reassigned time" to follow current practice. There was brief discussion regarding the application process and general favor for the openness of the process proposes.

Action Item: Councilor Goldberg will make necessary edits and present his proposal at a future Council meeting.

6. Progress report: proposal for convener support – Jeremy and Jill.

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Councilors Teigen and Weiss will present further findings at the November 3 meeting.

7. 10:30 discussion with Cindy Brennan on grade change policies.

Registrar Brennan joined the meeting at 10:30a to discuss grade change policies. Confusion was expressed due to an email notification regarding grade changes. Registrar Brennan informed Council that this was not a new policy the email was sent to clarify existing policy. There was brief discussion on current grade change policies, grade appeals processes, and the incomplete process. It was agreed that further email memos regarding grading will contain links to current grading policies. A tangential discussion was held on the RF and RD grades.

Action Item: Councilor Weiss volunteered to research Faculty Assembly discussion regarding the RF and RD grades.

8. New business.

A. The Governance Review Committee (GRC) has completed a draft report that will be sent to Council for review.

Action Item: The GRC will meet with Council on November 3 to discuss the report.

B. Provost Barnett will be invited to the November 10 Council meeting to discuss online evaluations.

C. The November 10 Open Forum is cancelled and the topic for the December Open Forum will be governance.

Submitted by M. Sexton, November 2, 2010