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FAEC

November 17, 2010

ASB 230

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

Members Absent: Ruma Sen

Approve minutes: Approved

1. Final Prep for FA meeting at 1:00pm. (this will take some time as we have 4 major motions on this day)

Council discussed the agenda in preparation of today's Faculty Assembly including the number of decision items, language of the motions, rationale of each motion, a brief President's Report, meeting rules as applying to the issue of old/new business, and the resignation of Kay Fowler as parliamentarian. Councilor Weiss will act as parliamentarian for today's Assembly in accordance with the Bylaws, Article 7, Number 2. Councilor Weiss will also act as timekeeper to follow the 2 minute speaking rule. Each motion will be given 15 minutes for discussion concluding with either a secondary motion to extend discussion or vote by response system, i.e. clickers. Christina Connor, Library, will maintain the TurningPoint software and present a brief demonstration prior to discussion of the motions to determine a quorum. Following the close of the decision portion of the Assembly, President Morley will ask for announcements/information items from the floor. The order of motions and presenters is as follows: Reassigned time will be presented by Councilor Max Goldberg, Affirmation of Procedures for Academic Curricular Changes will be presented by Councilor Jill Weiss, Academic Commons will be presented by President Jim Morley, Cross-listing of Courses will be presented by Steve Rice. Any discussion items not completed at today's Assembly will be first on the agenda for the January 19, 2011, Faculty Assembly.

2. Progress of the Government Review Committee. 12-15-10 meeting. Should it be considered an FA meeting or an open forum? What exact format?

The Governance Review Committee has called for an information meeting to present the revised Bylaws on Wednesday, December 15, 2010, at 11:30am in the Pavilion. Steve Klein will chair the meeting.

Action Item: Councilor Weiss will send a draft of the current revised Bylaws to Council prior to the December 15 meeting.

3. Brief issues

A. Convening group schedules: It is being reported that some conveners are scheduling classes without input from individual faculty. Councilor Sen will present more information on this issue at the next meeting.

B. Online evaluations: How are faculty able to opt-in for online evaluations as the current default is now paper? Councilor Weiss will bring a proposal to the next meeting.

C. Thanksgiving break: Council will not meet on 11/24 due to the Thanksgiving break. The remaining meetings for the fall semester are: December 1, December 8, and possibly December 15 (if needed).

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4. Parliamentarian issue

Kay Fowler has resigned as parliamentarian. Councilor Weiss will act as parliamentarian for today's Assembly. In accordance with the current Bylaws, the Faculty Assembly President may designate a parliamentarian from among members of the Executive Council. President Morley will make a brief statement regarding this during his President's Report. A longer statement will be presented following the conclusion of the decision portion of the Assembly.

5. Scheduling for larger mid-term break

There was brief discussion regarding the current practice of submitting grades 1 to 2 weeks following the end of Finals. It was suggested that the grading period be shortened to enable a longer winter break for international programs and online courses. This item will be discussed in further detail at a future meeting.

6. Concerns regarding 1 day per week classes and other scheduling matters.

President Mercer has expressed his concern with faculty engagement and the visibility of faculty on campus. There will be pressure on the deans, conveners, and faculty to teach less once a week classes. There was brief discussion on the question of night classes, science labs, and online courses. This item will continue to be discussed at future meetings.

7. Proposal to have an open call for "new business" at the end of each FA meeting

Due to time this item will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Submitted by M. Sexton, November 24, 2010