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FAEC

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ASB 230

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

Members Absent: Alex Olbrecht

Guests: Stephen Klein, Aaron Lorenz, Susan Kurzmann

1. Brief Announcements:

A. Councilor Goldberg informed Council of a meeting Provost Barnett had with science faculty wherein labs count as 2/3 for credit. Additional information on under-enrolled courses equaling negative revenue in terms of lost revenue per convening group was mentioned along with the question of over-enrolled courses counting for additional revenue. This may fall under the purview of the AFT or local negotiations. Councilors were asked to talk with respective conveners for more information and to report at the next meeting.

B. Old/new business: There has been some conversation regarding old/new business discussions at previous Faculty Assembly meetings. Councilors briefly discussed the issue with the caveat of differentiating between new business (raising issues) and announcements. This item will be discussed at a future meeting.

C. Space issues: There is some perceived tension between TAS and SSHS regarding the G building renovations. Faculty from both schools will be meeting with the architects.

2. Preparatory discussion for the FAEC's meeting with the Governance Review Committee.

Members of the Governance Review Committee (GRC) will be joining Council for a discussion of the Bylaws. The goal of the discussion is to agree on general principles of strengthening governance. Councilor Weiss has volunteered to liaison with the GRC following today's meeting.

3. Online Evaluations.

Provost Barnett is invited to the November 10 meeting to discuss pursuit of online evaluations for all faculty. Councilor Risch informed Council that President Kuchta, AFT, was in discussion with Judith Jeney, Employee Relations, regarding policy whereby un-tenured faculty would default to paper evaluations while tenured faculty would default to online evaluations.

4. Committee Creep: discussion of differentiation between academic from non-academic committees.

Councilor Mustafa presented the collated list of committees based on academic jurisdiction. Councilors Weiss and Sen presented a proposal on academic/curricular matters passing through ARC regardless of which committee or task force suggested them. Council agreed to review the proposal with further discussion at the next meeting.

5. Convener relief and reassigned time: updates.

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Councilor Teigen is still exploring majors vs. credit hours per convening group. Councilor Goldberg presented his revised proposal and it was agreed that further discussion with Provost Barnett and the deans would be needed prior to Faculty Assembly presentation and vote.

6. Academic Schedule issues and Academic Commons

Members present participated in a brief discussion regarding scheduling of the January break in terms of study abroad programs and agreed that academic scheduling will be discussed at a future meeting. Additional discussion was also held regarding an Academic Commons space. Faculty support is needed before any space is made available. This will also be discussed at a future meeting.

7. Meeting with the Governance Review Committee, 10:30am

Members of the GRC including Chair Stephen Klein met with Council on the draft document of the revised Bylaws. There was discussion regarding the charge to the committee, the intent of the Faculty Assembly vote of January 2010, and who would review the current draft. Chairman Klein reviewed the nine suggested amendments to the Bylaws in terms of clarity, open communications, collegiality, and transparency. Discussion ensued including Councilors questions, comments, and suggestions including meeting with the President and Provost on an as needed basis rather than once a month as currently listed in the Bylaws.

**Action Item:** Councilor Weiss will liaison with the GRC for further revision of the draft Bylaws document

**Action Item:** Executive Council will review the charge to the GRC for discussion at next week's meeting.

Submitted by M. Sexton, November 8, 2010