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FAEC

September 22, 2010

ASB 230

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

Guest: Provost Beth Barnett

1. Approval of the minutes of the previous meetings: approved

2. Any remaining issues to be discussed prior to full FA meeting at 11:30

President Morley will open the meeting with a moment of silent remembrance for Hank Frundt, SSSS, and Milton Gittons, ASB. His Chair's Report will outline the new FAEC paradigm and announce the November 10 Open Forum when the Governance Review Committee will present the amended by-laws. Councilor Weiss will present the Modified Robert's Rules and discussion will be limited to 15 minutes. The vote will be taken by clickers with paper ballots for backup. There will be no formal announcements. Following the vote on the Modified Rules the ARC decision items will be discussed and voted on.

3. Triage method for organizing new agenda items.

There was brief discussion on how to handle items that pop-up, such as emergency issues, that may/may not be added to the Executive Council agenda. It was suggested that Unit Reps call for items at Unit Council then bring those to FAEC for consideration. Before items are added to the agenda, members will take an up/down vote before any item is added to the agenda and discussed. It was also suggested that each unit poll its constituencies perhaps with the use of the Qualtrics software.

4. Continue prioritizing FAEC Agenda.

Discussion was carried over from the previous Council meeting on prioritizing agenda items in terms of concrete objectives that can be articulated into decision items for Faculty Assembly. Members presented their priorities and the following list was voted on with no objections:

- Convener support-top priority
- SBR-top priority
- Middle States-(ongoing priority)
- Writing initiatives
- Online evaluations
- Online courses
- Reappointment & tenure
- Course release parity
- Deans evaluation & hiring procedures
- Academic commons
- Clearing Wednesday schedule for meetings

Following the vote, there was brief discussion on which items would be top priority and it was agreed that Middle States will be an ongoing priority while Convener support and SBR will be top priorities (see item 5 below for discussion with Provost Barnett).

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5. Meeting with the Provost at 10:30a

Provost Beth Barnett joined the meeting at 10:30a with the following two topics for discussion: 1) SBR and 2) convener support.

1) SBR-Separately Budgeted Research is handled by the Provost's Office with the original intent to provide up to \$5000 grants for faculty research. Provost Barnett requested and received an additional \$25,000 for this SBR cycle. Current practice by the SBR Committee has been to give money to everyone applying rather than giving larger sums to fewer applicants. Everyone present participated in discussion that covered taxing stipends, travel receipts, funding distribution timelines, and follow-up on what is done. It was suggested that a small group of faculty, possibly a subcommittee of the Executive Council, develop more focused criteria for SBR and provide recommendations/proposals to the Executive Council and the Provost.

2) Convener support initiative-Provost Barnett reminded members of the convener job description that gave up compensation when the new curriculum was implemented. The largest volumes of majors/students are psychology, business administration, and communication arts. Those conveners receive some type of compensation in terms of reassigned time. There was brief discussion on merging convening groups, curriculum coverage, disciplinary & inter-disciplinary integrity, assessment, and faculty advising. Provost Barnett encouraged Executive Council to meet with Danny Jean and Chris Romano for information on advisement plans.

Due to time constraints, Provost Barnett may meet with Executive Council at next week's meeting to continue discussing the topic of reassigned time. President Morley will forward the spreadsheet listing of reassigned time to Council members.

6. Meeting points

Secretary Sexton will submit meeting point to President Morley for review prior to sending them to the faculty.

Submitted by M. Sexton, September 24, 2010