

Faculty Senate Steering Committee
Tuesday, September 30, 2014
3B Conwell Hall
Minutes

Present: Tricia Jones (Pres.), Deborah Howe (Vice Pres.), Adam Davey (Secy.), Mark Rahdert (Past-Pres.), Raghbir Athwal (TUSM), Li Bai (Engr), Kenneth Boberick (DENT), Cheri Carter (SSW), Teresa Gill Cirillo (FSBM) Michael W. Jackson (STHM), Stephanie Knopp (Tyl), Jim Korsh (CST), Paul LaFollette (Fac. Herald), Matthew Miller (TFMA), Michael Sachs (CHP), Catherine Schifter (Educ), Joseph Schwartz (CLA), James Shellenberger (LAW), Jeffrey Solow (BCMD), Karen M. Turner (SMC), Cheryl Mack (Coord.)

Absent:

Michael Jacobs (Pharm)

1. Call to Order:

President Jones called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from September 2, 2014 and September 23, 2014, were approved as amended.

3. President's Report:

a. October 14th final planning

President Theobald's office will be circulating a personal invitation to faculty later today, which will be live streamed with Q&A. Additional resources and information will follow from his office. The group considered a number of topics for discussion as part of the senate past presidents' panel.

b. Discussion of Constitution of Task Force for Adjunct Faculty

The committee discussed two recent memoranda that circulated to adjunct faculty from the Provost's office. The issues underscored the importance of moving forward with the FSSC task force for adjunct faculty.

c. Overview of RCM Professional Development Process

Dates have been set aside for RCM development. They are: November 6 (R) -7 (F), November 13 (R)-14 (F), and November 17 (M)-18 (T). Location will be provided at a later date.

d. Update on EPPC

The first meeting of EPPC for the academic year was convened yesterday with Robert Fauber from Psychology as the chair.

4. Vice President's Report:

FSSC obligations for appointments to Sabbatical Committee, Promotion and Tenure Committee, EPPC, and GEEC have been completed. Vice President Howe will be returning to the FSSC with

additional committee needs (e.g., APAC). Constitution of the Bargaining Units Liaison Committee is underway. Representatives are required from Medicine and from Dentistry.

5. Guest: Istvan Varkonyi, Director, General Education

First programmatic review was in academic year 2012-2013. The report generated a number of constructive suggestions. Course recertification is currently in its fourth cycle (~70 of 140 courses reviewed to date) looking for critical thinking, written communication, and problem-solving skills. Faculty can now apply for a \$500 ethical reasoning stipend to build an ethical thinking component into their syllabus. RCM and Fly in Four bring increasing pressure for GenEd programs and courses, and bring potential for decentralization and associated changes in governance. Dr. Varkonyi also spoke about revisions to the General Education Executive Committee (GEEC). Faculty representation remains essential, as does the partnership with the Educational Programs and Policies Committee (EPPC).

6. New Business:

Dr. Jackson reminded the committee that nominations are needed for the Outstanding Faculty Service Award.

It was moved and unanimously approved that the Faculty Senate discussion listserv remain exclusively for non-administrative faculty.

7. Old Business:

8. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 7, 1:00 pm

Adam Davey
Secretary