

Faculty Senate Steering Committee  
Tuesday, October 7, 2014  
3B Conwell Hall  
Minutes

Present:

Tricia Jones (telephone), Deborah Howe, Adam Davey, Mark Rahdert, Cheryl Mack, Raghbir Athwal, Li Bai, Teresa Cirillo, Michael Jackson, Michael Jacobs, James Korsh, Paul LaFollette, Matt Miller, Michael Sachs, Catherine Schifter, Joseph Schwartz, James Shellenberger, Jeffrey Solow, Karen Turner

Absent:

Kenneth Boberick, Cheri Carter, Stephanie Knopp

1. Call to order

President Jones called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. Minutes

The minutes from September 30, 2014, were approved.

3. President's report

a. Overview of RCM plans

College By-laws

Susan Smith provided clarification on college by-laws to indicate that Mark Rahdert's reading of the policy was correct. Some colleges are operating under default by-laws, but this appears to be by choice. Other colleges are operating under their old by-laws, even if they have not been updated, or if the revised by-laws have not yet been approved. President Jones will follow up with a more detailed summary of her discussion.

Budget Review Committees

Some Colleges do not appear to have Budget Review Committees. President Jones shared correspondence from President Theobald with Susan Smith to clarify Theobald's expressed expectations in this regard.

b. Constitution of Adjunct Task Force

General composition of the task force was discussed. The committee stressed the importance of including adjunct faculty, and those who supervise them, including representatives from multiple campuses and professional schools. Another source of insight includes former adjunct faculty who no longer serve in this capacity. Review of teaching effectiveness and promotion opportunities for adjunct faculty should also be considered.

c. Final Plans for October 14

President Theobald will address the Faculty Senate, and the address will be followed by a separate discussion on shared governance.

d. Updates on Diversity Symposium

Karen Turned circulated updated information on the structure of the upcoming Diversity Symposium to the FSSC listserv with a request to be copied when the message is further distributed. Joyce Wilkerson has accepted an invitation from the Faculty of Color committee to address the Diversity Symposium along with Ken Lawrence.

e. Update on Scheduled Guests for Fall FSSC

Additional guests have been scheduled. Next week (October 14), Joyce Wilkerson, Senior Advisor for Community Relations and Development. Special Assistant to the President for Community Engagement, and Daniel L. Weiss, Director of Office of Digital Education. Next week (11/4) is still open, but invitations have been extended. On November 11, Vicki McGarvey, and November 18, Peter Jones and Michelle Connor will join us to discuss the Critical Paths Initiative. Tim O'Rourke was suggested as an additional potential guest to discuss recent activity with regard to accessibility issues.

4. Vice President's Report

The Sabbatical Committee is fully constituted and functioning well.

Harold Klein and Jeffrey Solow were confirmed for reappointment to CATA. Klein would also like to continue as Chair. Klein has suggested that the committee would function better with a smaller number of members. This would require a change in by-laws.

Budget Committee carries a considerable workload, and so requires a full complement of nine members.

5. Guest

There was no guest.

6. New Business

There was no new business.

7. Old Business

There was no old business.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, October 21, 1:00 pm**

Adam Davey  
Secretary