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Faculty Council Meeting - Mar. 11, 2011; 1:00-2:30 pm

Present: Susan Allen, Kathy Arthur, Joseph Dorsey, Barnalli Dixon, Martine Fernandes, Seth McKee, Armando Hoare

Guest – Mike Killenberg

Approval of Minutes for February - Minutes approved with one correction noted, Martine Fernandes with an (s)

Report from Faculty Senate - Susan for Melanie

Progress streamlining committees; The Senate requested our input

- Library committee – Dissolving the Library Committee that has been under the Senate is supported by the CAS Faculty Council (unanimous vote)
- Enrollment management committee –
 - An email from the Enrollment management committee, forwarded to the Council by Rick Smith, described their last meeting at which they agreed to disband
 - Discussion of FC member's continuing concerns that faculty will not have sufficient input into student enrollment issues under the new arrangements. We understand the new arrangements to chiefly involve the Registrar requesting faculty input as needed.
 - Motion made and passed to let the Senate know that the CAS FC continues to be concerned about the removal of EMC because we fear a lack of sufficient input from faculty into these important matters under the alternative arrangement proposed by the Senate.

Free Speech concern for journalism

- Mike Killenberg voiced concern over freedom of speech violations stemming from an advisory sent by the computer center/university (Jeff Reisberg under the Office of Academic Affairs) when certain websites are accessed. Journalism says some faculty need access to these sites for research purposes and see this advisory as a threat to freedom of speech and academic freedom and a form of censorship.
- The FC reviewed the advisory message and most agreed that the tone, with language such as "watching over you" is threatening.
- Kathy Arthur brought up concerns that the websites we are aware of that are covered by this advisory do objectify women, are objectionable to many people, and potentially could raise sexual harassment issues.
- FC had a number of questions – Who receives this advisory: faculty, staff, students?? What websites exactly trigger the advisory?
- It was decided the Seth would draft a statement summarizing the FC concerns. Susan will forward Journalism's statement and a copy of the advisory to Rick Smith, Faculty Senate and request that they take this matter up as it affects all colleges

Input on topics for Senate meetings, April and May

- Internet Censorship issue (See above)
- Concern that department chairs are serving as faculty representatives on Senate. Should by-laws be changed to disallow this due to their administrative affiliation?

- International affairs/programs; Muhamad Al Olimat would probably be willing to meet with them

FC Elections by April 15

Positions that need to be filled

- Ella will continue for a 3rd year and be chair if she does not get Fulbright grant for next year; Seth, Armando, & Barnali are continuing for the 2nd year of their term.
- Mark, Martine, Kathy, & Susan go off the council after completing 2-year terms. Joseph has resigned effective the end of this semester and will not be continuing for the second year of his term.
- Susan will send out an email for Nominations for CAS FC and Senate positions before our next meeting.

CAS Associate Dean Position

- Associate Dean - Mark Pezzo will not be continuing. Frank will be making a formal announcement that this position is open. Plans to open it for internal applications.
- Frank is putting together an advisory committee for the process of filling this position. There will be 2 chairs and one FC member on the committee. Ella Schmidt has agreed to be the faculty council representative.

Next steps after Winter Faculty meeting on visioning

- Susan wrote up a brief summary – edits were suggested. The following summary will be sent to all faculty who were invited to attend the meeting with attachments of the original brainstorming notes from departments:

Summary of Themes Generated at Winter 2010 Faculty Council Meeting and Next Step
Feedback from those who attended - People found it very helpful, voicing that it increased awareness and support across departments

Themes across departments from the brainstorming sessions included –

- *Civic engagement*
- *Interdisciplinary collaboration in research, teaching, and program development/combine resources*
- *Importance of support for faculty and student research, including statistics and research skills for students*
- *The need for new hires*
- *Technology, such as related to online courses and digital media*
- *Study abroad/ international programs*

Other suggestions included -

- *Establishing a theme for the year that would be employed in courses among depts..*
- *Episodic college-level meetings to discuss big picture issues (e.g., vision for abilities of graduating seniors)*

Next step –

- *Since the meeting Faculty Council has discussed concerns that the current T&P process does not generally support endeavors that we say we value (e.g., civic engagement, interdisciplinary collaboration).*
- *After discussing this with Frank Biafora, CAS Dean, we are scheduling a meeting for CAS Tenured faculty on April 15 at 2pm to further a dialogue on T&P standards, as well as the process.*
- Next meeting with tenured faculty only on April 15 to discuss T&P issues, some of which are related to topics brought up at the Jan. meeting. We will discuss structure for this at the Apr. meeting

FC support for Muhamad Al Olimat's meeting with the Deans – Martine

- Muhamad Al Olimat has been invited to the Deans' weekly meeting with Norine to discuss international programs and the possibility of centralizing efforts for all colleges.
- FC members support this meeting and approved the following statement:
 - *The Faculty Council supports the development of International programs on the USFSP campus (e.g. study abroad programs, hosting Fulbright or international scholars, bringing international students, promoting faculty international research, promoting international students on campus, etc.) and acknowledges the difficulties faced by the Faculty in these different areas. In order to centralize our campus efforts in international affairs, we support Dr. Muhamad Al Olimat's meeting with the deans and Dr. Norine Noonan.*
- The FC members' discussion acknowledged that the current limitations on resources present a significant challenge for moving forward with International Programs to the extent that we would like.

Old Business

- Susan talked to Erica about QEP concerns, such as textbook and software being used from same publisher. Choice of textbook is a big concern. Susan will let Rick Smith of the Senate know of our concerns that in the future more care needs to be taken to see that appropriate faculty members are properly represented in these meetings and committees.
- Discussion of Martine's concerns that there be more healthy eating options on campus and that input be given as the new Student Center is being planned.

Next Meeting – April 8, 1-2:30, Davis 245