

May 4, 2015

Academic Staff Senate Meeting

Jen B., Lisa M., Rob W., Mande A., Jon G., Jenice M., Nick B., John M., Mary M., Emily Z., Ryan K.

Minutes taken by John M.

May the Fourth Be With You

Call to Order: 8:01 (Jen)

Welcome New Senators

Thank you to Lisa for your contributions on Senate!

Minutes Approval (Jenice/Lisa) approved (with addition of who takes minutes)

Old Business

Motion to approve grants as listed (Jon/Rob) Passes

Emeritus Policy – Motion to Approve (Lisa/Emily) Passes

Letter/Resolution – no word back on Resolutions; Academic Staff members have voiced “thanks” for letter

Faculty Exec Response Letter – decided not to send out anything for fear of causing more problems. Background. After several months, not worth pursuing.

Governance Updates

-AS Senate Chair: Biennial Budget Overview. Most Cabinet meetings have been cancelled.

-Reps Meeting – Ray Cross distributed document re: \$350mil cuts based on tax revenue projections. April numbers show less of a deficit. Order of who gets money back? Still jockeying. Still several weeks before we’ll see outcomes

-Mary – Classified Staff Senate – still working on UPS, never-ending. Huron consultants called in again. Working on putting together committees.

-No Update Faculty Senate – (Jenice) School of Business & Economics approved

-No Update Student Senate

Committee Updates

-Personnel: Reviewed promotions. Reviewing Documents and interpretations on guidelines – striving for agreement. Compression study at a standstill- have not heard back on necessary information/reports. CUPA is comparison data of positions across institutions.

-Professional Development: Identified dates for professional development day. Costs not a worry for Strengths Assessment. Trying not to interfere with other activities. Ropes Course and Strengths Finder: June 1st, 3rd, 4th, 12th, May 29th. CETL summer conversation? New Staff Orientation? Broad-brush

overview. Need to meet with Jay. Timeline by Retreat? Senate needs to vote and then pass through Chancellor. We'll need to call a special meeting to be timely.

-Chancellor Update: Thanks for Letter on Budget Concerns. Will work whenever possible to give a voice. Last week spoke with Gen. Ed. Committee calling for action/ideas. Meeting with Faculty Senate Execs re: next steps. Ray Cross says "Don't Panic".

-Provost Update: Summer conversation with CETL to focus on further reductions – where to streamline? Conversation geared toward Faculty and Instructional Academic Staff. Overload and Adjunct portions still need to be reduced. Cannot be reliant on additional tuition. Looking at Voluntary Separations. Committed to Renewable Academic Staff. Unknown what cuts will be. (Discussion again on projections) 3 dates being discussed for CETL Summer Conversation.

May 6th update on Voluntary Separations? Depends on System.

-Committees/Elections/By-Laws: Elections went successfully, By-Laws passed unanimously to include a broader constituency while maintain Senate description. By-Laws can now be forwarded to Chancellor.

New Senators Seated: Thanks again to Lisa! Welcome Mande. Welcome Mande.

Elect Chair & Secretary. Nominate – Jen Bird for Chair. Jen Bird elected Chair! Minutes have been spectacular. John McCormick elected Secretary!

Retreat- half day to look what we've done, try to set goals for next year, examine groups, etc. After discussion of what can be done when and obligations – Tentatively June 30th morning.

Fall meetings: Wednesdays 1-3pm Tentatively. Meeting notices through outlook once confirmed. Second week of each month.

Adjourn (Ryan/Mandee) 9:14am