**MINUTES**

**FACULTY SENATE**

**November 18, 2015 – 12:00-1:20 pm – SCP 117**

**In attendance:** Abourahma, Adler, Anthony, Bender, Bennett, Benoit, Beyers, Blake, Brechman, Brown-Glaude, Bush-Wallace, Curtis, Deese, Dickinson, Domingo, Farrell, Ghitulescu, Girard, Gosselin, Guarracino, Hirsh, Holleran, Hughes, Jaksch, Krimmel, LaJevic, Li, Meixner, Morin, Norvell, O’Connell, Steinberg, Winston, Wiita.

**Excused:** Didi-Ogren, Krstic, Leonard, Lopes-Murphy, Paliwal, Sears, Vickerman, Weng.

**Absent:** McCarty

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the 10/21/15 meeting were approved as submitted.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

* Requests:
  + Volunteers are needed for a taskforce on issues relevant to transgendered students. Anyone who is interested on being involved in this, please let Amanda know, preferably by Friday.
  + Dean Kenner is bringing Dr. Bernadette Melnick in on Friday, December 4th for a Healthy Campus event. There will be a breakfast from 8:00-9:00 am, and representatives from Faculty Senate are invited to attend. Please let Amanda know if you are interested.
  + SGA – Students are considering an overhaul of the loop shuttle bus to and from the surrounding area, including stops at public transit locations. The students will be sending out a survey about this.
* Events:
  + Today at 3:00 pm there will be a Peace Rally on Quimby’s Prairie.
  + There is an AFT meeting at 3:00 pm tomorrow in Armstrong 153.
  + There is a Town Hall Meeting tomorrow at 3:00 pm in Mayo Hall on mental health promotion and suicide prevention.
  + Deadlines:
    - Mildred Dahne Application deadline is February 22, 2016.
    - Faculty Senate Colloquium nominations are due by Febraury 22, 2016.
  + Next Faculty Senate Meeting is February 17th.
  + Joint Governance Reception is Wednesday, January 27th at 4:00 pm in 1855.
  + Provost Taylor’s Address is Wednesday, February 3rd, at noon in EDU 212.
  + The Spring Faculty Senate Colloquium is Wednesday, March 7th at noon in the Business Building Student Lounge.

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

* The Appointments Committee recommends the appointment of Ambrose Adegbege as the 1-year replacement position on the Athletics Advisory Council.
* Approved unanimously.

**SHARED GOVERNANCE AWARD**

* The SEB discussed possible nominees for this award and are suggesting that Ralph Edelbach be honored for his long service to the college and as President of AFT.
* Approved unanimously.

**DISCUSSION – REVIEW OF GOVERNANCE**

* Matt Bender spoke about how the governance document is reviewed every 5 years by Steering.
* They are working on a survey instrument to go to everyone who sits on major committees as well as recent previous chairs and others.
* The goal for the semester is to gather as much feedback as possible in order to revise the document in the spring. They hope to have a draft for public fora in April.
* Matt reviewed the draft questions.
* Glenn Steinberg then went over the document on governance review that had been drafted.
* Discussion and questions.
* Please email Matt with any additional questions and comments.

**REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEE**

* CAP – Amanda gave the CAP report for Manish Paliwal. **(Attachment 1)**
* CFA – Paul Wiita gave the following report for CFA:
  + The committee has met twice.
  + They are working on the disciplinary standards.
  + They held an open forum on SOSA changes.
  + They are looking at reorganizing the peer promotion and reappointment document.
* CSPP – David Blake gave the attached report for CSPP. **(Attachment 2)**
* CSCC – Glenn Steinberg gave the following report for CSCC: The CSCC has met twice, electing Susan Ryan as new chair at its first meeting.  At its second meeting, the committee continued making final edits to the policy on undergraduate certificate programs, co-authored with CAP.

**TRUSTEES REPORT**

* Marcia O’Connell reported that the Trustees have not met since the last Faculty Senate meeting.

**AFT REPORT**

* John Krimmel gave the attached report for AFT. **(Attachment 3)**

Meeting adjourned at 1:21 pm.

**Attachment 1**

**CAP Report**

1. **Certificate programs**: The committee reviewed (extensive but minor) edits received back from CSCC.
2. **Undergraduate internship policy**: Continuing from previous meeting – the committee reviewed the testimony questions.
3. **Change of Major policy**: Discussed to provide better clarity on change of major requirements. Also discussed criteria for evaluating transfer students. The presence of parallel policy “request of change of major” policy. Steering’s input is being sought regarding merging of the two policies. Some language needs to be addressed as well.

**Attachment 2**

**CSPP Report**

CSPP has met several times since the October Faculty Senate meeting when Provost Jackie Taylor led a discussion of the most recent draft of the Strategic Plan. CSPP had a two-day retreat at the end of October to develop a series of action items to match our statement of goals and priorities. The committee was assisted by several dozen campus “experts” who attended a working session and made specific recommendations about the various action steps that will be included in the plan. Revisions on the Strategic Plan will continue through the end of the semester with the expectation that the committee will present a final version to President Gitenstein during reading period for subsequent discussion by the Board of Trustees.

Submitted David Blake, Dept of English

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**Attachment 3**

**AFT activities October/November 2016**

Career Development Committee applications: The Aft received 22 applications for CDC funding

State negotiations: We’ve met with the state three times regarding our contract. No economic demands have been presented

Programs for professional staff: We have been developing programs for the professional staff

Grievance in the school of engineering: We are working on an ongoing issue in the School of Engineering

Blended learning MOA: This MOA is still being negotiated

Web site: In progress but it’s up.