**FACULTY SENATE MINUTES**

**February 17, 2021 – 12:00-1:20pm – Held via Zoom**

**In attendance:** Abourahma, Altmiller, Bechtel, Becker, Bellino, Bender, Bennett, Boero, Borders, Bowen, Bruno, Burroughs, Bush, Bwire, Cathell, Curtis, Dahling, Dempf, Dickinson, Gevertz, Hagedorn, Haikes, Haynes, Kim-Bossard, Knox, Lasher, Li (Bruce), Li (Rebecca), McBride, McMann, Meixner, O’Connor, Pearlstein, Prensky, Ryan, Salgian, Samanta, Steele, Tang, Toloudis, Warner-Ault.

**Absent:** Singer.

**Minutes**

* The minutes of the November 18, 2020, meeting were approved as amended.

**Announcements**

* There are a number of upcoming events:
  + 6 pm tonight – “The N Word” with RahK Lash
  + February 23rd – Collaboration and Community Engagement in the Time of Covid.
  + The college is holding a number of events for Black History Month. Please see <https://diversity.tcnj.edu/black-history-month/> for more information.
  + There will be 2 more panels (March 9th and April 9th) related to the Capitol insurrection.

**Visit by Lisa Angeloni, Vice President of Enrollment Management**

* Lisa discussed how different this year has been for Admissions.
* There has been a decline in student applications.
* Yields have been dropping overall, so all higher education institutions have been doing everything they can to attract students.
* This year we have a 25% decline in applicants over last year.
* Admissions is trying very hard to increase the yield for Fall 2021
  + They have an extensive on-line presence.
  + Commitment Grant – this is a grant of $3500 to any Pell-eligible student who does not receive EOF funding.
  + Out-of-state tuition realignment to bring the cost to those students down.
* Questions and discussion.

**Nominations for Vacancies on the Committee on Academic Programs (CAP)**

* There are currently 2 vacancies on CAP, one which ends in May of 2023 and one which is a 6-8 week replacement.
* Matt asked for self-nominations to fill the vacancies. From those, the Senate Executive Board recommends:
  + Jared Beatrice for the May 2023 replacement position.
  + Xu Han for the 6-8 week replacement position.
* Nominations were approved unanimously.

**Reports from Committees**

* Steering – Jill Bush
  + Steering Committee met on 2/3/2021.  Next meeting is 2/17/2021 at 1:30 pm.   Steering will be discussing a charge for a task force to determine undergraduate advising models, charge for future Liberal Learning Task Force, and reports from CAP, CSCC, and CFA. During the last meeting, a charge was sent to CAP regarding the ungraded option policy which is currently gathering testimony.  Additionally, Steering reviewed the final recommendation from CAP regarding absence and attendance policy.
* CSPP – Matt Bender
  + Task for spring is the Strategic Framework. CSPP has had groups summarizing the feedback they received.
  + The Board has asked CSPP to do some modelling before creating a draft plan. This may affect the timeline.
* CAP – Abby O’Connor
  + CAP is working on review of the testimony from the proposed changes to the CEL program and final recommendation is forthcoming.
  + CAP is reviewing a 5-year policy review for the International credit, graduate transfer/admissions, and syllabus policies.
  + CAP is charged with looking at an ungraded option for Spring 2021.
  + CAP is finishing a recommendation for testimony on the camera and microphone policy.
  + CAP is reviewing the proposed changes to the Honors Program.
* CFA – Linda Dempf
  + RPD dates charge – CFA is reviewing promotion appeals dates and PRC start dates in the RPD.
  + Student Feedback charge – CFA is reviewing Task Force recommendations and is charged with considering questions on students feedback form to assess inclusivity and racial climate in the classroom. CFA is consulting with groups on campus, such as the Inclusive Excellence team.
  + Advising Assessment Charge – developing a pilot survey on assessment, with a small set of questions. Provost is forming a task force, but CFA will continue developing the survey.
  + SOSA charge – CFA is working with SOSA committee, reviewing SOSA program.
* AFT – Nancy Lasher
  + There is a meeting at 3 pm today.
  + Advising - open demand for negotiation.
  + Nancy briefly mentioned the voluntary separation program.
* Global Education Council – Felicia Steele
  + The council is hosting a program on how to increase opportunities for global engagement with partnerships with international partners March 19, 12:30. Additionally, faculty led study programs during this coming summer in England have been cancelled. We have also recommended the addition of an institution in Berlin (FUBEST) as a preferred provider for study abroad, opening up opportunities in Germany, which had shrunk after the loss of the Heidelberg program.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Next meeting is 3/3/21 at noon.

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