**Faculty Senate Minutes**

**February 15, 2023 – 12:00-1:20 – SCP 117 (with Zoom simulcast)**

**In attendance:** Ahlawat, Baker, Bender, Bennett, Borders, Brown-Glaude, Bush, Bwire, Cho, Curtis, Dahling, Davis, Ekanger, Hagedorn, Haynes, Hunter, Kim, Lasher, Li, Lopes-Murphy, McBride, McMann, Meixner, Neves, O’Connor, O’Grady, Ortiz-Vilarelle, Ryan, Salgian, Samanta, Sen, Sewell, Shahid, Tallman, Twersky, Warner-Ault, Zrada.

**Absent:** Capece, Hutton, Kim-Bossard, Patterson, Pearlstein, Wei.

**Announcements**

* Tomorrow is the Excellence in Teaching and Learning Summit. You can still register online.
* The presentation of the first Faculty and Librarian Recognition Awards will be between 3 and 4pm tomorrow, with a reception afterwards. Please attend if you are able.
* April 4th is the 2nd Faculty 4Share Event. Please attend if possible.
* This year’s Gitenstein-Hart Lecture will be on Tuesday, April 11th. Joe Baker from Chemistry is the honoree.
* The deadline for applications for the Mildred Dahne Award is March 20th. Please send applications to Abby O’Connor (oconnora@tcnj.edu).

**Discussion of Student Support (Jordan Draper, EdD. - Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students; Beth Gallus - Associate Dean of Students; Dixita Malatesta - Learning Specialist, Accessibility Resource Center, and Director of the Lions Plus program; Beverly Mason, Director of Counseling and Prevention Services)**

* Dixita discussed the Lions Plus program.
	+ The program is a fee-based student support program where students can get specialized support, including one-to-one meetings with Dixita.
	+ She reviewed students’ reasons for joining Lions Plus and the strengths of the program.
	+ The program costs $2700/semester and $5000/AY.
	+ Questions.
	+ Email Dixita if you have additional questions.
* Jordan Draper reviewed the changes in Student Affairs and introduced Beth Gallus and Beverly Mason.
* Beth Gallus talked about the CARES program.
	+ She reviewed the program’s resources and went over how the referral process works.
	+ Questions and discussion.
* Beverly Mason discussed the CAPS program (Counseling and Preventive Services).
	+ She went over how the students access the services, and talked about TCNJ’s partnership with Virtual Care, a telehealth service for higher education that provides access to help 24/7.
	+ CAPS has reorganized and hired a crisis coordinator.
	+ Questions and discussion.

**Committee Reports**

* AFT (Nancy Lasher)
	+ There’s a meeting today at 3pm in Business 204. Negotiations with the State of NJ will be starting this Friday.
* Steering (Jill Bush)
	+ Steering Committee reports that the Governance document/policy containing the inserted language for the new Executive Committee on Inclusive Excellence has been forwarded to the Board of Trustees and will be considered for approval at its February 2023 meeting. Faculty Senate will be notified upon final approval to ask for faculty to serve on that committee.
* CAP (Joe Baker)
	+ CAP recently submitted to Steering its final recommendation for the grad certificate in Health and Risk Communication and the Graduate Certificate Programs Policy, and completed its work on the Course Delivery Mode charge. In combination with GSC, CAP has been reviewing the DEIA Graduate Certificate, the Undergraduates Enrolling in and Double Counting Graduate Courses Policy, and the Graduate Admissions/Readmissions Policy. CAP is working with the Community Engaged Learning committee to update the CEL-by-contract proposal. CAP is also currently working on charges related to the Incomplete and In-Process Grade Changes Policy, the Student Complaints Policy, the Class Recording Policy, and the Undergraduate Certificate Programs Policy.
* CFA
	+ CFA is working on the 5-year review of the disciplinary standards policy as well as student evaluations of teaching.
* Board of Trustees (Cindy Curtis)
	+ The Board met in January for a midyear retreat, including a review of progress on the strategic plan. Retention numbers for returning students were not what we had hoped, so our overall enrollment numbers are below target. This is impacting our FY23 budget. In addition residential occupancy is not where we would like, attendance at some inclusive excellence events was disappointing, and graduate enrollments are disappointing.
	+ More positively, progress has been made in working with Mercer County Community College on transfer pathways, BIPOC faculty hires are up, and we are building increased capacity in high demand programs and building out graduate infrastructure. Some dual enrollment programs have been started.
	+ There was discussion of the campus survey regarding awareness of and support for the elements of the strategic plan.
	+ Additional topics of board discussion are long-term plans for residence halls as TW is retired and the pros and cons of using outside vendors for some graduate programs.
* CSPP (Matt Bender)
	+ The committee had a divisional update from Sean Stallings.
	+ They passed a preliminary proposal for a Masters program in Accounting and Management.
	+ The committee has a full slate for spring.
	+ They had an update from Lisa Grimm.

Meeting adjourned at 1:22 pm.

Next meeting is March 1st.

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