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Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)

Meeting #36, April 19, 2022

3:45PM - 5:15PM

Minutes

In person - Pastore Conference Room RM224

1. Call to order - President Cardany called the meeting to order at 3:47 pm. Vice President Rice, Senators Maier-Speredelozzi, Nassersharif, Meyerson, and Welters were in attendance.
2. Announcements
 - a. Update on policy for “snow days” - President Cardany and VP Rice recently met with the Provost to clarify the policy regarding the use of make-up days following class cancellations due to inclement weather. The discussion resulted in consensus around the notion that once two of the same class days are canceled, the use of a make-up day will be triggered. There remain some nuances to be worked out, however, like how much lead-time should be required for the use of a make-up day. It was suggested that when the new policy is promulgated, it should provide some scenario examples for clarity.
 - b. Joint Curriculum Committee (May 12th) - At the upcoming joint meeting, the group has been asked to look at the UCAS proposal that the FSEC discussed at their last meeting. After some discussion, it was suggested that they be provided with the last FSEC meeting minutes for some context in their review. The joint committee is also being asked to look at the NECHE report and work on a response to comments. The written response would proceed to Anne Veeger for final insertion.
3. Approval of Minutes -
 - a. FSEC minutes for April 12, 2022, were approved unanimously.

4. Discussion Items

- a. Resolution acknowledging work of Interim Provost Beauvais - The Committee agreed to hold this item until the Fall as the timeline for on-boarding a new Provost is not yet known.
- b. FSEC budget for further CMS work (policy forms, update curriculum forms, catalog work) - President Cardany noted that while the launch of the Quali CMS is done, work remains to be done, especially as it relates to publishing the catalog. President Cardany's last day as Implementation Team Chair will be May 20, 2022, and she encouraged the FSEC to think about how further implementation will occur going forward. While staff can provide continuity and manage tasks, a leadership role should also be assigned. It was President Cardany's view that such a leader should come from the Faculty Senate. She added that the FSEC should devote some budgetary funds to this role.
- c. Academic Calendar Committee
 - i. Accelerated online calendar - President Cardany noted that the Committee is prepared to bring forward an online calendar for approval at the 4/28/22 FS meeting.
 - ii. The commencement schedule this year includes Friday in addition to Saturday and Sunday. The Committee agreed that it looks like the University is moving to this expanded schedule for future events and further agreed it would serve the community well to have all those dates reflected in the calendar. It was suggested that all three days be highlighted for "Commencement Weekend Activities." The Academic Calendar Committee should be asked to assess this suggestion in the Fall - with input from CBUM as appropriate.
- d. Summer Curriculum Committee (request emergency powers of approval per UM bylaws 4.3). The FSEC can be empowered to take action on behalf of the Full Faculty Senate, but this requires pre-authorization. A summer curriculum committee is being convened under the premise that all final approvals will be

held until the Senate is back in session in the Fall. However, one new program will require approval under this proviso for offering in the Fall. FSEC members were not united in their response to this information. VP Rice was inclined to ask the Senate for conceptual approval. Assuming the program makes it through the curriculum committee, it can gain full approval this Summer - including from the BOT in July.

- e. New Senator Terms (Current eligibility based on one-year hiatus before serving another 3-year term per UM Bylaws 2.7). Motion to allow two consecutive terms. President Cardany presented her proposal to allow members of the Faculty Senate to serve two successive terms. It was agreed that this would be good for institutional memory and continuity. Several Senators this year were productive members and willing to serve again. Ideally, they would have been allowed to build on their momentum. Still, they were precluded from continuing due to the UM language in the Bylaws. FSEC members unanimously agreed to the change. Since the revision affects the Bylaws, it will require two readings and also vetting by the CBUM. As there is only one meeting left this academic year, the proposal shall be brought forth immediately in the Fall for action.

5. Action Items

- a. Approve 4/28/22 FS Agenda - On a motion by VP Rice, seconded by Senator Nassersharif, the draft agenda for the April 28 meeting was approved.
- b. Approve Take-Aways from 4/14/22 FS Meeting - the Take-aways brief was approved by consensus, pending review by the President's office.
- c. Select Award Winners
 - i. Sheila Black Grubman Award - Staff presented a summary of the nominations for the award. There were three eligible nominees, and Committee members noted that all three seemed worthy. On a voice vote, nominations were closed, and each candidate was discussed in some detail. The winner was selected via roll call vote. Staff is to assist

President Cardany in writing the award letter and coordinating with the Provost's office regarding the award presentation at the 4/28/22 FS meeting.

- ii. Fritz Wenisch Award - Staff presented a summary of the three nominations for the award. On a voice vote, nominations were closed, and each candidate was discussed in some detail. The winner was selected via roll call vote. Staff is to assist President Cardany in writing the award letter for presentation on 4/28/22.
6. Call for New Business - There was an inquiry about the status of the Nominating Committee's work and whether or not they have three candidates to present on 4/28 to fill the vacant FSEC seats. The staff was only aware of two candidates but will follow up. Several names were suggested. They will be passed along to the Committee for consideration.
7. Adjournment - the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.