

**Faculty Senate Steering Meeting Minutes**  
**January 15, 2015 3 – 5 p.m.**  
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Attendees: Pradeep Kumar, Barbara Wingo, Ana Spiguel, Paul Davenport, Bradley Walters, Marc Heft, Reneé Goodrich, Chris Hass, Joe Glover, Shari Robinson, Amelia Dempere, Jorg Peters, Angel Kwolek-Folland, Sue Alvers and Nicole Stedman

- The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Pradeep Kumar. Before Pradeep Kumar continued, President Fuchs joined the meeting for a short time. He explained that he isn't on the agenda for today but plans to attend future meetings. After President Fuchs left, the December minutes were approved.

**Provost's Report**

**Joe Glover, Provost**

- Provost Glover updated the committee on several items.
  - CLAS search committee is receiving a pool of candidates from the search firm handling its Dean search.
  - Law School Dean search is still receiving applicants.
  - The university is waiting for a reply from the search firm handling the CFO search
  - Preeminence positions are slowly filling. We have about 70 filled out of the 120 faculty positions.
  - Plans are to take another look at RCM after we hire a new CFO and President Fuchs has a better understanding of the budget. Tweaks will most likely have to wait until next fiscal year.
  - Construction on campus is continuing.
    - Had the ground breaking for the new Chemistry building.
    - An architect is being engaged for the Newell Hall renovations
    - New dorm on SW 13<sup>th</sup> street and also Infinity Hall. Infinity Hall is located on 2<sup>nd</sup> avenue close to the Innovation Hub and will be for students interested in entrepreneurship and innovation.

**Chair's Report**

**Pradeep Kumar, Chair**

- The Board of Governor's meetings coincide with the Faculty Senate meetings this term, so we are rescheduling the February Senate meeting to Feb 26<sup>th</sup> from Feb 19<sup>th</sup>. This will allow President Fuchs to attend. A decision has not been made about March's meeting.
- Nominations are needed for Councils, Committees and Chair-Elect.

**Curriculum Committee**

**Angel Kwolek-Folland, Associate Provost**  
Academic and Faculty Affairs

- Dr. Kwolek-Folland presented two items from the Curriculum Committee in Dr. Bernard Mair's absence.
  - [Unified Elementary/Special Education ProTech Credit change](#)
  - [Revision of Honor Roll and Dean's List Policy](#)

## [Diversity Survey](#)

**Shari Robinson**, Chair  
**Amelia Dempere**, Chair Emeritus  
Council on Diversity

- Dr. Robinson answered questions about the Diversity Survey. It is currently under review by the IRB. Tentative plans are to distribute in February.
- Angel Koleck-Folland suggested that Dr. Robinson look in the archives on the Senate website to find the last climate survey back in 2003 or 2005.
- Chris Hass noted that the Council on Diversity asked recommendations from the Welfare Council.

## **Council Reports**

- **Academic Policy Council** – Reneé Goodrich, Chair
  - APC hasn't met since the last Steering Committee meeting. APC's next meeting is next Wednesday. Plans are:
    - To review the response from last semester with the online student course evaluations.
    - Work with Welfare on the professional aspects of peer evaluations.
    - Review the QEP and the addition of globalization into courses.
- **Welfare Council** – Chris Hass, Chair
  - Council plans to develop a best practice evaluation for teaching with an outline prepared for next meeting along with guidance on how it can be used.
  - Council is working on two seminars/symposiums on mentoring graduate students. One will be given during New Faculty Orientation and the other during the CALS Teaching Symposium.
- **Research and Scholarship Council** – Jorg Peters
  - Council looked at IDCs and overhead.
  - Academic Analytics was discussed due to a faculty member being asked to fill out information in the database.
- **Infrastructure Council** – Bradley Walters, Chair
  - No report but will meet in a couple weeks.
  - All Infrastructure committees are reviewing the campus plan which is currently open for comment. The plan goes before the Board of Trustees in June.

Agenda for the January 22 Faculty Senate meeting was approved

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.