

**Welfare Council Minutes**  
**April 14, 2015**  
**8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. 226 Tigert**

<b>Attendees:</b>	Margaret Temple-Smith	Blake Murphy
Chris Hass	Amanda House	Karen Whalen
Sue Alvers	Jim Maruniak	Angel Kwolek-Folland

Chris Hass, Chair of Welfare Council, called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. March minutes were approved.

**Best Practice Paper on the Evaluation of Teaching**

- Chris met with Mike Kane from the Academy of Distinguished Teaching Scholars. The Academy will have a workshop in August geared toward peer evaluation of teaching and assessment. In preparation of the workshop, the Academy met with some college Associate Deans to find out what procedures for peer teaching assessment were in place in each college.
- Chris distributed a very early Welfare Council draft whitepaper on teaching assessment.

**Mentoring Symposium**

- Jim Maruniak stated that there will not be an update until tomorrow on the mentoring symposium. New Faculty Orientation is August 18 and Jodi Gentry asked that Jim or Chris notify her soon whether Welfare Council will have a section on mentoring in the New Faculty Orientation.

**LGBT Discrimination Resolution**

- Steering Committee referred a LGBT Discrimination Resolution written by Sylvain Dore to the Welfare Council. Dr. Dore wishes the resolution brought before the full Senate. Steering asked Welfare Council to review and give a recommendation if the resolution should be brought before the whole senate. Discussion ensued and it was pointed out that the University has strong policies to protect diversity. The Welfare Council supports gender neutral issues, but recommends that the Dore resolution not go forward to the Senate.

**Bereavement Leave**

- Karen Whalen asked about bereavement leave. Jodi Gentry explained that for faculty, that the university does allow time off for bereavement, but have to use sick leave.

**Faculty Club**

- Chris reported that some administrators are on board for a faculty club. He noted that faculty should be surveyed to find out their preference for what amenities the club should have and location.

**Elect New Chair**

- Karen Whalen was elected chair and Amanda House was elected vice-chair for 2015-2016. They will start their term June 1.

The Welfare Council meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.