

College Faculty Council Chairs Meeting

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Attendance included: John Palmer, Dawn Jourdan, Paul Sindelar, Renwei Mei, Elizabeth Ross, Stephen Holland, Suzanna Smith, Tracy Reid, Matt Loving, David Quillen, Jane Gannon, Rich Segal, Mary Ellen Young, Dawn Bowers, Chris Sanchez, Scott Nygren, Mary Ann Ferguson, Sue Alvers and Cheri Brodeur.

The meeting was called to order at 10:29 a.m. Minutes were approved and introductions were made.

Scott Nygren reminded the chairs that information about senate elections will be sent to each college this month. Also, the Senate is receiving nominations of faculty for 2012-2013 committees. Please encourage your professors to come forward. This group is a way of making a connection between the colleges and the faculty senate. At the last meeting, we decided to meet three times a year: fall, and two meetings in the spring. Several issues with college constitutions have developed. Since the senate does not have a "judicial" branch, Scott suggested that the issue should be presented to the College Faculty Council Chairs for advice. Another suggestion is to see if it's possible to refer the issue to the University Constitution Committee. There is the possibility of asking the Provost to make a decision, but that would be an administrative solution and not by faculty. We should find alternative ways to resolve conflicts in shared governance in the colleges.

Last spring, University students from the Graham Center approached the Faculty Senate president asking for support to redraft the University's Mission statement by adding a statement about global citizenship. Instead of just adding a statement to the mission, President Machen suggested that the Senate should review and revise the mission statement. Dr. Nygren reminded the College Faculty Council chairs that some haven't responded to his request for faculty recommendations to sit on the mission statement review task force.

Each of the college council chairs gave a short update on how shared governance is working in their college.

- Pharmacy – Strategic Planning
- CLAS – Meets once a month with Dean. Reviewing department's doctoral improvement plans.
- Libraries – Chair-Elect Matt Loving is learning his role.
- PHHP – Faculty incentive plan. Constitutional revisions.
- NURS – Bylaw revisions. Doctoral improvement plan.
- LAW – Working well with the Dean.
- Fine Arts – Strategic Plan and Summer Pay Plan.
- MED – Updating Constitution and bylaws. Revamping Tenure and Promotion Process.
- Education – Revised the college constitution and has a new dean.
- HHP – Nothing critical. Tenure and Promotion and Sabbatical applications. Peer Mentoring and Summer Pay Plan.
- IFAS – Strategic Planning. RCM benefits. Improving communication.
- VET MED – Constitution and Bylaw revisions.
- ENGINEERING – Constitution issues
- DCP – Constitution Revisions
- Journalism & Communication – Foundation Accounts. Revised constitution. Accreditation Planning.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m. The next meeting is April 6, 2012.