

Faculty Senate Steering Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2013

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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Attendees: Marc Heft, Jay Watkins, Barbara Wingo, Brian Harfe, Maria Rogal, Deanna Pelfrey, Sue Alvers, Mike Katovich, Pradeep Kumar, Scott Nygren and Joe Glover

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m. by Marc Heft.

Minutes for March 2013 were approved with corrections.

Because Provost Glover planned to be late, Marc asked Deanna to give the FEO report for Kathy Long.

FEO (Faculty Enhancement Opportunity)

Deanna Pelfrey, Welfare Council Chair

- Deanna distributed hard copies of a draft handout on FEO that Kathy Long plans to present at the next Faculty Senate meeting on April 25
- FEO started as a three year pilot project with \$2 million from the President's Office along with additional support from units.
- FEO funds were new and did not replace existing sabbatical/PDL money. These funds are to be flexible.
- Faculty who are not part of the bargaining unit may apply
- Including spring 2013: 417 proposals were submitted
- Not including spring 2013: 306 proposals were approved and funded; \$5,312, 270 in FEO were disbursed (in unit faculty members were not eligible in 4 out of 10 application cycles)
- Steering Committee asked for any information on the total count of colleges that had recipients, what colleges had faculty awarded FEOs and the number of recipients in each college who received the awards. Deanna will relay that request to Dean Long.
- The Committee passed a motion to recommend to the President that FEO continue and to be funded at the original level, given available funds.

Council/Committee Reports

- *Welfare Council (Deanna Pelfrey)*
 - Council is working on a job description for an ombudsman
 - Cassie Macias presented information about the Living Well program and how she would like to increase participation. She asked for support to provide a holistic wellness program. Currently Living Well can only take a small capacity and needs to expand its facilities. Cassie asked for an endorsement from Welfare. she plans to meet with Paula Fussell. Paula mentioned that there might be a small amount of funding from Florida Blue available.

Provost Report

Joe Glover, Provost

- It looks like we will have a better year than in the last few years from the legislature. It is hoped that the legislature will return the carryover funds that were taken away last year and add performance funding. We will know more around June.
- Gator care is most likely off the table this year.
- There might be a payroll tax to help fund FRS

Mission Statement

Scott Nygren, Past Chair

- The draft mission statement was presented to the Board of Trustees as an action item.
- After discussion, the BOT chair decided to postpone any action on the mission statement until June
- A BOT committee plans to meet either April 18 or April 19 to review the mission statement. Faculty that participated in the writing of the draft will be in attendance.
- If the BOT approves the mission statement, it will become effective January 1, 2014.

Council/Committee Reports

- *Research and Policy Council (Pradeep Kumar)*
 - Very little to report because the council didn't meet. SCORS will have a joint meeting with Welfare Council on April 12 to discuss gender inequities.
- *Academic Policy Council (Maria Rogal)*
 - APC elected a new chair: Renee Goodrich
 - Maria will soon be sending a recommendation to Provost Glover about the posthumous degrees
 - Barbara Wingo will be a guest at APC's next meeting to discuss Faculty Review of Administrators
- *Budget Council (Brian Harfe)*
 - Budget Council meets the end of April. Plans are to elect a new chair and finalize the paying of foreign visitors.
- *Infrastructure Council (Mark Tillman and Jay Watkins)*
 - Infrastructure had a presentation from University Galleries (Amy Vigilante and Bryan Yeager) about a grant application. University Galleries wishes to purchase a new piece of artwork for the 13th Street side of the gallery. If awarded the grant, plans are to receive 150 offers. In the \$130,000 price range.
 - Cross Campus project was discussed because it was noted that the DOT plans to build a bike path in the same spot on the west side of the band practice field where large lights are to be installed
 - University Libraries Committee reported on Open Access noting that the University of Rhode Island approved the same policy that ULC drafted recently. Also noted was a Dean Russell's research showing that our peer institutions increased their acquisition budget by \$1 million over the past 10 years comparing to UF acquisition budget increasing only \$7000 over 10 years.
 - Plans are to extend Hull Road by the Hilton and a traffic study was requested
 - Heavener Hall and Renovation of Reitz Union were discussed.

Agenda for April Faculty Senate Meeting

- Agenda for April 25, 2013 Faculty Senate meeting was approved with revisions.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.