Faculty Senate Steering Meeting Minutes May 1, 2014 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Tigert 226

Attendees: Marc Heft, Angel Kwolek-Folland, Mike Sagas, Mike Katovich, Hans van Oostrom, Nicole Stedman (via phone), Maggie Temple Smith, Sue Alvers, Joe Glover and Galia Hatav

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. by Marc Heft and the April minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

Marc Heft, Chair

- Marc noted that this is his last Steering Committee as chair and thanks the council members for all their hard work.
- There is a memorial for Scott Nygren starting at the same time as this meeting. Marc explained that we did not get notified until the last minute and were unable to reschedule the Steering meeting.
- Presidential Search Committee was recently announced. The process of searching for anew university president will start soon.
- The faculty ombuds search is in progress with interviews soon getting underway. This will be for one person at .25 FTE. If necessary, the position could increase to .50 FTE.
- The College Faculty Council Chairs had recently had their meeting. Issues emerged and Marc said that he noticed that all the colleges are different. The concept of administrator evaluations was a pervasive issue. Marc stated each college constitution should align with the University Constitution, not the University Constitution aligning with the college.
- The Board of Trustees approved the mission statement. It is a very close approximation to the original.
- Academic Personnel Board restructuring is a work in progress.
- Hans van Oostrom asked that the Steering Committee consider tabling the Constitutional Revision is an action item on the May 8th Senate agenda due to faculty concerns about the document's constant revision. Angel Kowlek Folland explained that the proposed revisions are more of a tidiness issue and more changes will presented from the Constitution Committee. Maggie Temple-Smith noted that when she was on the Constitution Committee, the constitution was regularly revised.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

- Provost Glover gave highlights from the legislature. It looks like UF will receive funding for couple buildings and infrastructure maintenance. The university will also receive some of the recurring performance funding. President wants to figure a raise packet for faculty if the funding is available. Another \$5 million preeminence funding will be added on top of the \$15 million from last year. This all has to be approved by the Governor.
- Status of immigrant tuition is unclear at this time.

Regulations (Lights)

Angel Kwolek-Folland, Associate Provost

Liaison, Constitution Committee

Angel reported on the "light" recommendation from the Constitution Committee on the following regulations:

- <u>3.0372 Student Health, Athletic, Activity and Service and Transportation Access Fees</u> Yellow
- <u>3.0375 Tuition Cost</u> Yellow
- <u>7.019 Tenure and Promotion: Eligibility, Granting Tenure, Criteria, Procedures and Methods of</u> <u>Processing, Confidential Nature of Materials and Discussions, Reports and Appeals, Permanent</u> <u>Status and Sustained Performance Evaluations - Red.</u>

Intercollegiate Athletic Report

• Mike Sagas explained what he planned to the Faculty Senate at the May 8th meeting. He noted that the minutes to the IAC are located on its website

OAA Faculty Rewards Report

Angel Kwolek-Folland, Associate Provost

Liaison, Constitution Committee

• Angela gave a short report on what she will present at the senate meeting on May 8th.

Council Reports

• Infrastructure Council

Margaret Temple-Smith, Member

- Andy McCollough was the meeting guest. He discussed UF Online.
- Library report was on Open Access
- Academic Policy Council

Renee Goodrich, Chair

- Renee gave a summary about the Faculty Review of Administrators. Marc will discuss when the Assembly Chairs meet.
- APC also discussed online evaluations. Bernard will update the council at its next meeting.

Steering Committee approved the May 8, 2014 Faculty Senate agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Mike Sagas, IAC Representative