

Faculty Assembly Meeting Minutes

10/25/2018

Kunsela Hall A-112

1. Introduction- Ron Foster, Chair
2. Approval of the Agenda (So approved)
3. Approval of the minutes of the September meeting (So approved)
4. Executive Committee Report
 - a. **A motion was passed** from Executive Committee for the Executive Committee to study morale on the Utica campus
 - b. **A motion was passed** from Executive Committee to create an ad hoc committee comprised of two members from each college to explore the creation of a standing Committee on Research
 - i. Robert Edgell was elected chair of this committee from the body of the Faculty Assembly.
5. Election for a co-chair Committee on Academic Staff Status
 - a. Amos Confer was elected co-chair of the Committee on Academic Staff Status. As Dr. Confer is already a member of this committee, a new member must be elected to fill his seat.
 - b. Kathryn Stam was elected as a member to the Committee on Academic Staff Status.
6. Committee Chair Reports
 - a. Academic Affairs- Coskun Cetinkaya, Chair
 - i. **A motion was passed** on the Announcement of Current and Previous United States military rank at commencement.
 - b. Academic Quality- Chris Urban, Chair
 - i. Academic Quality will be revising the review schedule next month and will share this with the body.
 - c. Curriculum- Lorraine Kane, Chair
 - i. If you have any course actions for Fall of 2019 please get them to Lorraine by the first Tuesday of November, and the actions by one week before that so that they can be distributed to everyone.
 - d. Distance Learning- Naren Peddibhotla, Chair
 - i. **A motion was passed** to add Blackboard training modules to each course page by default. Faculty could opt-out of having students complete these.
 1. Ib proposed an amendment that this module be placed in a specific Blackboard group, to avoid cluttering up individual course pages. **Declined.**
 - e. Graduate Council- Iulian Gherasoiu, Chair

- i. Change of program for the MS in Nursing Education, raising the number of hours a student can take from 9 to 12. GC will be meeting again on November 6.
- f. Academic Personnel- Maarten Heyboer, Chair
 - i. Three Motions were introduced related to the creation of an ad hoc committee on teaching (pedagogical) mentoring, to aid the development of junior faculty: “The APC recommends that the FA establish an ad hoc committee on teaching mentoring (**motion 1~ passed**), elect a chair for that committee (**motion 2~ Joanne Joseph was elected chair of this committee**), and request that each college send at least one representative to the committee (**motion 3~ passed**).”
 - ii. Resolution that clarification that any application for promotion in academic rank requires external references (**Not voted on, as quorum was lost. A straw vote indicated support by the body, this will be raised again at the next meeting**).
- g. Planning and Budgeting- Tim Busch, Chair
 - i. The committee is meeting with the administration and is interested in discussing both planning and budgeting with them in November. The committee has not yet seen a budget.
- h. Technology- Ibrahim Yucel, Chair
 - i. Everyone will be getting a WebX account.
- i. UFS Faculty Senator- Carlie Phipps, Senator
 - i. Carlie will be sending around a white paper on gen-ed changes for comment by everyone who wants to do so. It is due by November 15th.

7. New Business

- a. Would we like to move the next meeting to G152? Remaining members indicated their support in a straw vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam T. McLain, Secretary

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