Faculty Governance Meeting

February 15, 2007

Attendance:

Turbeville,John E.	White,Julie R.	Flynn,Leah A.	Quackenbush, Lindi J.
Tiss, Kenneth J.	Drew, Allan P.	Lautz, Laura K.	Luzadis, Valerie A.
Smardon, Richard C.	Nordenstam, Brenda J.	Meyer, Robert W.	Manno, Jack P.
Hawks, Richard S.	Quick, Cariann	Turbeville, John P.	Scimone, Mark A.
Driscoll, Mark	Bongarten, Bruce C.	Stella, John	Moran, Sharon D.
Schuster, Rudy M.	Hosmer-Briggs Maria, B.	Fennessy, Mark	Maynard, Charles A.
Elkins, Elizabeth A.	Francis, Raymond C.		

- Call to order, Bill Shields
    - 3:38

- Minutes of last meeting
    - Rudy Schuster
    - Minutes approved

- Reports by Standing Committees
    - COI Larry Smart
        - Larry not present report given by Bill Shields
        - No nominations have been received for award in scholarship or in excellence in teaching
            - Please send nominations to Larry Smart
        - Solicitation for nominations in Distinguished Professorships
            - See SUNY website for criteria for this award and make nominations as you see fit
    - Public Service and Outreach Allen Drew
        - Participating in selection process of Chancellors Awards
            - Recommendations go to Dean Raynal and then to SUNY Albany
            - Albany should respond by April
        - Discussion of New York Campus Compact organization to promote community and public service as a part of normal campus life
            - Current director is Jim Heffernon
            - Additional information is available at their website: http://nycc.cornell.edu
            - Retreat will be given during the spring to promote service learning among collaborating schools. See Sheryl Doble for more information on the retreat
            - More information will be provided in the future concerning Campus Compact

- o Committee on Research Bill Powell
  - ▪ Bill not present, report given by Bill Shields
  - ▪ Mac Stennis funding has been awarded
- o Committee on Instruction
  - ▪ Bill Shields reporting
  - ▪ COI met on 2-14-07 and will be recommending a lower division honors program at the March 8th faculty meeting
- o Proposal on course: Introduction to geospatial information technology
  - ▪ Lindi Quackenbush reporting
  - ▪ Course will use an interdisciplinary approach that will be available and useful to students across campus
  - ▪ This is an informational presentation. The proposal will be sent to COI in the near future.
  - ▪ PowerPoint presentation; contact Lindi for additional details.
  - ▪ Comment Maria Hosmer-Briggs, requested to be involved in the process
  - ▪ Val Luzadis, asked what course prefix will be used and who has control over the course content with the ESF prefix. "We need to be cautious about control and relevance of content."
    - • Response: the purpose of the collaborative effort in designing the course is to avoid bias in content and assure that the content is inclusive of needs across campus. The intent of the ESF prefix is keep the across campus design.
  - ▪ Will the content cover diverse data and methods of data collection
    - • Response: the idea of a GIT course is that it will be a broad view of applications and methods
  - ▪ Comment Richard Hawks: Faculty taking on the lab course content and teaching is a good design that makes it more relevant, a problem in the LA curriculum is that there may be too many tool courses making it difficult to cover all the necessary material.
    - • Second comment is to have an across campus discussion on what is necessary in general in computing courses
- • Report of the Executive Committee Bill Shields
  - o Continuation of discussion on Environmental Science
    - ▪ Bruce Bongarten: the discussion of last meeting was helpful. The GIT course discussed today is the preferred method of working across campus. There are other intuitions that are interested in making interdisciplinary studies work and we can use them as examples. SUNY Stonybrook is working on the same issues.
    - ▪ No additional comments
  - o The next meeting will discuss administrative issues associated with the Research Foundation and grant overhead charges. Please attend and send questions to Bill Shields to be forwarded to Neil Ringler prior to the meeting.
- • No new or old Business
- • Meeting adjourned 4:20