

Faculty Governance Meeting 10/29/14

Chris Whipps, Eddie B., Lindy Q., Bob M., Suzette V., Claire Dunn, Brian Boothroyd, Tim Toland, Russ Briggs, Neil Ringler, Allison Oakes (graduate student), PJ O'Connell (USA pres), Greg McGee, Dr. Wheeler, Steve Weiter, Scott (GSA pres, + ?), Scott Shannon, Mary Triano, Anne Lombard, Val Luzadis, Bruce B, Chuck Maynard, Chuck Spuches, Ted Dibble, Katrina Searing, Doug Morrison, JoAnne Ellis, Philipe Vidon, Andrea Parker, Danny Fernando, John Hassett, Ivan Gitsove, Scott Blair, Mary Thompson, Meagan Pepper, Laura Crandall, Kevin Reynolds, Yuan-Zong Lai, Sue Sanford, Ken Tiss, Mark Driscoll, Bob Meyer, Jonathan Cohen, Doug Johnston, Ruth Owens, Jessica Clemmons, Beth Folta, Ted Endreny, Bob French, Ruth Yanai, Jack Manno, Klaus Dolle, Nasri Abdel-Aziz, Bev Gracz, William Kelleher, Edward Augustine

Kelley's remarks:

There are copies of the meeting minutes from 9/17/14 in the back of the room. Please review them and let me know if there are any corrections. This includes attendance additions. I will take a motion for accepting the minutes with corrections shortly so if you'd like to review them beforehand – there are copies in the back.

October has been incredibly busy. Many different committees of Governance have been working diligently on items for your review. Executive Committee alone has been busy drafting bylaws and procedural documents to remove redundancy and make them more user friendly and reviewing the visioning draft. IQAS has started the Gen Ed Assessment process, you'll hear more about this later today, and a set of committees has been reviewing and soliciting feedback on the Expectations and Responsibilities for Mentors and Graduate Students. The November 19th meeting is lining up to have lots of committee actions that will need to be endorsed, such as a policy on video, and recommendations about December convocation, noise levels on the quad and advocating for a diversity officer.

This past weekend we hosted the University Faculty Senate for a very successful and very busy plenary. Gateway was a great place for this meeting, conference planners Katherina Searing and Lauren Gibbs were professional under pressure and welcomed the senators with warmth and grace. Our ITS crew were likewise phenomenal. Usually at these meetings there are seats with no view of the screen but with all three screens down, no one had a bad view and it was no small matter to have 25 microphones and have to hunt and find who was speaking when. Kudos to the ITS staff – Christopher, Ross, Charlene and Todd. Seven resolutions were considered and passed on topics such as SUNY Excels, undergraduate research and a bevy of student life topics such as sexual assault prevention and affordable textbooks. Steve Weiter, your senator, will present the resolutions that were passed by the senate and I believe he will ask for your endorsement of them.

In addition, we've heard back from Human Resources that anyone working in the summer while between the 10-month contracts will need to sign a volunteer form unless they are a paid employee. The volunteer form ensures that you will be eligible for worker's compensation. HR is currently working on a form that will be simple and easy to use, but it must be signed by your department chair and filled out each summer. A recent update indicated that if you are a PI or Project Director an active RF award or project and performing work/duties associated with that award, paid or unpaid you are covered by RF Worker's Compensation. It is worth noting that if you are asked to do a summer defense and some random injury occurs such as the lights fall on

your head during the defense, you are not covered. So my advice and perhaps Marcia has other advice, is to sign the volunteer sheet so that anything you do stateside is covered.

Reminder that the review of the Visioning Draft is due this Saturday, November 1st. From my communications with Dr. Wheeler he is looking for general comments and particularly for ideas that might have been missed or for ideas that you do not want to have lost as the authors move onto the second draft which is scheduled for reveal on November 15th. The Executive Committee is currently drafting their thoughts on the draft and if you would like to funnel your ideas through us, please talk to one of us. To facilitate that, would the Executive Committee members here today please stand.

And lastly – please remember to Save the Date of 1/8/15 for the strategic planning prioritization meeting. Dr. Wheeler will have more information as the meeting agenda unfolds.

At this point, are there any corrections for the minutes? Can I have a motion to accept the minutes.

Accepted

Scott Blair - Student Life Committee resolution on having cords for veterans to recognize them during graduation

Call for vote: **Voice vote - unanimous**

Library Committee – Steve Wieter

Please join!

Grant for 3-D printing

Document delivery service

Digital commons & library

Challenges: Hiring chill & loss of a staff member, negotiations w/ Elsevier for Science

Direct, trying to maintain critical resources

Cut back weekend hours in the spring

Increased collaboration w/ departments

Val – more about digital commons? It is coming – Jessica will get that to us

COC - Doug Daley

Overview of approved curricula and policies: FRNM changes, minors, ES revision

New courses approved, including SU language courses for GenEd

Course revisions – 10 inactive courses were deleted (yeah!)

Barb Newman – great help, thanks so much, Barb!!!

Depts need to hear from their COC reps, if you aren't, then contact them

Identified need of centralizing where academic policies are found

Ted D. and George K. are streamlining process for new programs

Steve W. – Univ Fac Senate Report

Busy plenary session with lots of resolutions passed

No one put forward a motion to accept these – we'll come back to next meeting

Major issues: Budgets, Elsevier negotiations, reports, resolutions, seamless transfer

Lindi – Open up to questions about resolutions: Textbook affordability

Kelley - overview of why this was brought forward, to have faculty consider this to help students and to look at open access as an option.

Mark – what does support mean on “supporting LGBT” – neither could remember

Mark – Re: S.T. – he remembers they were not going to allow anything attacking faculty rights, are we going to stop doing this?

Kelley – story: voting on seamless transfer, she and one other faculty dissented, but everyone else supported.

Lindi – heroine medication? No idea what to do with that.

Steve - This is like an epipen that stabilizes and allows student to live. UPs need access to this medication.

Doug – maximum hours for students to work?

Kelley – gave overview of how this came to be.

Bruce Bongarten – Middle States Accreditation
General Education Assessment