

## Faculty Governance meeting 3-25-15

Attendees: John Waisal, Gord Patterson, Steve Weiter, Quentin Wheeler, Neil Ringler, Katharina Searing, Bob Meyers, Claire Dunn, Heidi Webb, Jo Anne Ellis, Mark Driscoll, Valerie Luzadis, Gary Peden, Paul Otteson, Mary Triano, Doug Daley, Mary Thompson, Biljana Bujanovic, Aaron Rounds Chuck Spuches, John View, Scott Shannon, Andrea Parker, Eddie B., Bill Powell, Jonathan Cohen, Colin Beier, Sharon Moran, Jack Manno, Ruth Yanai, Nasri Abdel-Aziz, Paul Caluwe, Neal Abrams, Ted Dibble, Ivanof Gitsov, Lindi Quackenbush, Sue Sanford, Chuck Maynard, William Smith, Greg Boyer, Kevin Reynolds, Richard Hawks, Philippe Vidon, Chris Maldonato (UG rep for PJ)

### **Kelley - Opening**

Faculty have the power... power in numbers and we need to know that. We need to reassess our priorities and make them happen. We may be suffering from Strategic Planning fatigue but we need to read the blogs and provide feedback. If we don't engage and say something, we abdicate our responsibility - we can't do this. GIVE FEEDBACK!!!

### **John Waisal – Boat Policies**

This came about when a boat went down and killed 24/27 people – it was determined that the boat was only supposed to carry 14 people...

This policy is about making sure everyone who pilots a boat for ESF goes through a certification process.

Colin – do faculty/staff/students taking out canoes/kayaks have to file float plans?

John W. – yes, who's going, where and when to expect back.

Greg Boyer – just a simple sign up sheet.

Neil Ringler – does the certification last forever?

John Waisal – it doesn't expire.

*Call for vote – Passed unanimously*

### **Kelley - Bylaws changes**

The objective was to create one set of Bylaws and another document with Standing Rules. This is a presentation of the suggestions for changes by a group of people.

*Overview of major changes:*

Name of the body – It is now “Faculty Governance” – the suggested change is to “Academic Governance” to clarify and be more inclusive.

Membership - This change is suggested so as to include staff who are intimately involved with academic matters and who serve on committees along with students who serve on committees. Especially relevant to UUP staff who work on the academic mission – so the # would be 30, and would still be <1/3 of the faculty.

Separation of Bylaws and Standing Rules – pull these out simplify and to also make changes to procedures would be easier. If the faculty didn't like changes, then it could be brought to a vote.

Consultation – in all matters affecting our academic mission, Governance should be consulted. Consultation is part of the Board of Trustees requirement and Kelley is working with Quentin to adjust the wording.

*Smaller changes:*

Executive Chair gets a 25% workload reduction. The person in this position

Term limits have changed a bit and when officers can return are clarified.

Includes descriptions of senators.

Sunsetted COPSO, no one has stepped up to keep it going.

Absentee ballot provision added.

The draft is on Faculty Governance page and you can look over it and add comments. This link will be sent out.

Bruce, Ted, Bob, Melissa, & Steve with Executive Committee provided a majority of the comments and feedback on this.

Valerie – wondering about sunseting COPSO since it is a major component of what we as faculty are supposed to be doing.

Kelley – we struggled for several years to provide the committee with specific charges and then there was no one who stepped up to be chair.

### **Heidi Webb – Technology Committee**

They've held brown bags to create community of interest. Jim Sahm is going to be giving another brown bag soon along with Neal Abrams (tablets in the classroom).

They have posted some things to their website ([www.esf.edu/tech](http://www.esf.edu/tech)). Their committee members are very engaged in the Strategic Planning process and giving feedback. Scott Turner's term is up, but may stay on and continue to be chair. They also need other members, so if anyone wants to join, please do.

### **Doug Daley - COC**

Please take a look at the proposals online and give feedback. Small changes to a couple of FCH courses, moving semester – these do need to go through COC as it matters to students who are taking the course.

Minors are being discussed next week in the COC meeting – so get it to him.

Many new courses being proposed – so look those over! When you submit comments, cc your curriculum coordinator on it.

How assessment is going to happen continues to be looked at, just to remind you.

Shared resource courses – EFB did a survey of grad students and will be getting feedback to COC on their suggestions on this topic.

Deadlines – none. You've missed them.