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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA ST. PETERSBURG
Faculty Senate Meeting
Friday, March 24, 2006 8:10AM
Library Conference Room – 3rd floor

Present: Ambe Njoh, Jim Fellows, Deb Henry, Deanna Michael, Brett Jones (for Kim Stoddard),
Kathy Weedman
Absent: Ron Hill, David Naar
Guests: Sheila Goethe, Academic Advising Center
Mark Durand, RVCAA (delivered documentation pertaining to General Education
Assessment)

Announcements

Deb announced that Bob Dardenne, chair of the CAS Dean Search committee, wanted to advertise the details of the upcoming on-site interviews with candidates as quickly as possible. Senators were asked to share the information with colleagues in a timely way.

Deanna will ask someone to substitute for her at the next leadership meeting.

The Senate survey results will be posted to the FS web site soon.

Senators need to review the status of FS terms from their college and start securing nominations for positions that will be vacant next academic year.

Old Business

USFSP representative to the USF Tampa Senate – no discussion

General Education course review

Via email, Mark Durand apprised the Senate of a meeting he had with the Undergraduate Council based on the suggestion by the Senate that the UG spearhead a GE course review. Mark reported that the UG declined the assignment. The Senate had not heard directly from the UG by the time of this meeting. While the Senate is concerned about demands on the time of faculty and is not opposed to the eventual establishment of a separate body for this job, getting one together this late in the semester would be very difficult. There was discussion about the representation of colleges on this committee. CAS provides most of the GE courses and there was some thought that CAS faculty should comprise the majority of the committee with fewer representatives from the professional colleges. This suggestion generated some discussion of new ideas for courses (e.g. diversity in America; oral communication skills) and the contributions to the GE course pool by COE and COB.

Deanna motioned that UG be charged with coordinating the program review of GE courses by asking colleges and programs to start reviewing their applicable courses. Jim seconded the motion and all were in favor. Ambe proposed that he contact the chair of the UG, John Gum, and address this issue further.

College level awards for part-time teaching faculty

Cyndie Collins submitted a revised draft of the procedure for this award. Jim moved to accept the document as presented, Deb seconded. All were in favor.

Teaching assignments

Kathy gathered information about teaching assignments in CAS. She reported a teaching load ranges depending on ranks and other factors; from 2/1 for some tenured faculty to 4/3 for visiting lines. Ambe concluded that given the variation among colleges and individual circumstances standardization across disciplines would be very difficult.

Committee on Committees

Kathy reported that Jamie McHale will fill the role of CAS representative on the Faculty Committee on Enrollment Management. She will notify Kim.

New Business

Minutes 2/24/06 meeting - Jim moved to approve minutes, Kathy seconded, all in favor.

Academic credits requirements

Mark Durand distributed a revised academic residence policy via email and requested the Senate to review. The policy states that candidates for graduation must complete at least 25% of their undergraduate credit in USF St. Petersburg. Sheila Goethe provided some additional information regarding other existing rules that might apply. (See <http://www.ugs.usf.edu/catalogs/0506/acares.htm> for 2005-2006 policy statement.) After a brief discussion, Jim moved that the Senate support the new policy. Kathy seconded, all were in favor.

Attendance at Senate meetings

Attendance to the Senate meetings by administrators and non-member faculty came under review. There was concern expressed by some members about the appearance of the Senate's independence from the administration. The charter clearly states the protocol to be followed with regard to attendance and speaking privileges at Senate meetings.

V. Meetings

C. All meetings of the Faculty Senate shall be open to members of the university community. The Regional Chancellor and Regional Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs shall be extended speaking privileges upon request; other non-members may be granted speaking privileges upon written request or upon invitation of the Faculty Senate Chair. Notice of such meetings will be given and proposed agendas will be made available a week in advance of each meeting, if possible.

College Reports

College of Arts and Sciences

The CAS Dean search is bringing in candidates to interview this week. Two CAS faculty have announced their resignations.

College of Business

Jim reported that the COB was a "barrel of laughs" these days and that the Dean search is ongoing.

College of Education

COE has several ongoing faculty searches; the science education candidates were being interviewed at the time of this meeting. Preparation for NCATE accreditation was proceeding. Deanna reported some retroactive and merit raise information for faculty. Deanna shared that David Brodosi gave a presentation on web courses and answered questions about copyright to college members.

Library

The library has two faculty searches underway. The entry level position had a huge pool of applicants. Deb announced that she and colleague, Tina Neville, had a manuscript accepted for publication in the November 2006 issue of *Journal of Academic Librarianship*.

Meeting adjourned 10:10 AM

Next meeting

April 7, 2006

Future meetings:

April 21

Prepared by Deb Henry