Faculty Senate Meeting

2-4 p.m., January 26, Island Hall 323

Minutes

Attending: Acker, Blalock, Bland, Comparini, Crocker, Day, Harrel, Klaus, Kownslar, Loveland, Martinez, McCullough, Mollick, Moreno, Murgulet, M. Reinhardt, Shope, Simionescu, Smith, Spaniol, Valadez, Watson, Withers

Ex-Officio and Guests Attending: Amy Aldridge Sanford, Friederike Davis, Ed Evans, Kevin Houlihan, Bene Soto

1. Call to Order: Spaniol called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda: Watson made a motion to approve. Comparini seconded. Approved unanimously.

3. Approval of December Minutes: Moreno and Harrel made corrections. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes. Acker seconded. Unanimously approved with corrections.

4. Guest Speaker: Friederike Davis from the Student Government Association discussed their leadership program. She also invited everyone to attend the SGA leadership conference on 2/17.

5. Speaker’s Report: (1) The new Provost will begin on March 1. (2) The Merit and Equity Task Force has already met four times and will send recommendations to the President soon. (3) More than 200 people attended the fall mixer, and people would like to have another one in the spring. (4) The President’s Investiture will be scheduled on March 2. (5) Loveland received 104 replies to the faculty survey. She will send her finding to the Executive Committee and then to the entire senate. (6) Spaniol introduced Roneka Polidore as the new Administrative Associate for Faculty Senate and Staff Council.

6. Old Business: None.

7. Committee Reports:

A. Academic Affairs: Valadez presented the proposed changes and additions to the curriculum by college. The changes are as follows:

 College of Liberal Arts: Undergraduate course addition: Approved unanimously.

College of Science and Engineering: Undergraduate program changed. Approved unanimously.

College of Science and Engineering: Undergraduate course changed. Approved unanimously.

College of Science and Engineering: Graduate course changes and additions. Approved unanimously.

College of Science and Engineering: Graduate program change. Approved unanimously.

College of Science and Engineering: CBET/MCET: Approved with 1 abstention.

College of Education and Human Development: Undergraduate course change: Approved unanimously.

College of Education and Human Development: Undergraduate program change: Approved unanimously.

College of Education and Human Development: Graduate course changes and additions: Approved unanimously.

College of Education and Human Development: Program and certificate changes: Approved unanimously.

Department of Undergraduate studies: Bachelors of Applied Science (BAS): Approved unanimously.

B. Committee on Committees: Smith reported that the university committee will meet next week to discuss the next faculty survey, which should be distributed in the next several weeks. The university committees have more than 150 slots available.

C. Awards, Bylaws and Elections: Mollick said that the deadlines for the university excellence awards will expire on 1/29, and ABE will review the nominations.

D. Faculty Affairs: Harrel presented four policies and procedures for senate approval: 11.10.99.CO.01; 11.10.99.CO.02; 11.10.99.CO.03; and 11.10.99.CO.04. All four documents were approved unanimously. Kevin Houlihan added that he will send part of the new policy on service animal to Faculty Affairs.

E. Budget Analysis: (1) Klaus discussed the Merit and Equity Task Force’s recommendations with the senate. (2) The committee is hoping to meet with Terry Tatum soon.

8. Liaison Reports:

 CPIRA (Moreno, Murgulet and Withers): (1) The new compliance officer has started. Dr. Mahdi will start a task force to work with the compliance officer on goals and other issues. (2) Elections are coming up soon. (3) People who have grants may be eligible for CPIRA assistance. (4) The committee discussed concerns about the salary/pay for graduate assistants.

9. Provost’s Comments: No report from Dr. Guffy. Spaniol said that all of the vacant positions for the President’s Cabinet have been filled.

10. For the Good of the Order: There were discussions about the delays between the time a student is added to a class and when that student shows up on Blackboard.

11. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.