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Faculty Council Meeting – Dec. 2, 2010, 11-12:30

MINUTES

Present

Faculty Council Members: Susan Allen, Chair; Ella Schmidt, Mark Durand; Armando Hoare; Joseph Dorsey, Kathy Arthur; Barnali Dixon; Seth McKee; Martine Fernandez

Approval of Nov. Minutes

- Mark approved, Barnali seconded

Report from Faculty Senate

- No report this month

T & P Procedural Issues

- There has been confusion about the need to have an all-tenured-faculty vote on those going up for tenure and promotion this year. Council members, as well as CAS administrators, seemed to be under the impression that this would no longer be needed given the by-law changes last spring. There may need to be changes as well now to written T&P procedures. The council agreed that faculty votes on tenure should now happen in departments and there was no longer a need for a college-wide vote. Susan will discuss this with administrators and Pat Butcher and then send out an email to tenured faculty rescinding the request for a vote.
- Discussion of some departments needing to bring in those from other departments in order to compose a T&P committee, e.g., Art & Graphic Design. Procedures for this not clear.
- Discussion of the need for guidance/guidelines from Noreen's office on T&P procedures; Council is aware that our procedures differ some from those in the two other colleges as we have the extra layer now for departments.

Discussion about Visioning & Spring Semester Faculty Meeting

- Susan presented that in the last chairs' meeting, there was a discussion of the need for balance between departmental and CAS visions - need for autonomy in setting directions for departments, e.g., for new programs, but also need to inform CAS and be in sync with a CAS-wide vision.
- Continuing concerns shared by Council members as to whether administrators hear visions as expressed by faculty, e.g. the importance of research and international programs. Members discussed the value of having an open discussion by faculty of current visions of departments and of the CAS, as well as how to best continue to make these known to administrators.
- Decision made to have a Spring Faculty Meeting on Friday, Jan. 28, 10:30 – noon.

- The focus will be department visions presented by each Chair, moving into a discussion of the current CAS vision and how to make this known to administrators.
- Frank Biafora, CAS Dean, Mark Pezzo, Associate Dean, and interested part-time faculty, as well as all full-time faculty, will be invited.
- Susan will draft an email to Chairs outlining what we want them to present. It will draw from the current vision statement posted on the website. She will solicit feedback from Council members on the email before sending it to Chairs.

Report on Student Conduct Workshop – Susan

- Low attendance, even of Chairs, but good dialogue by those who were there.
- Not able to record session due to confidentiality issues. Susan is in touch with Kay-lyne who has agreed to provide electronic copies of handouts that can be sent to faculty members who couldn't attend.

Schedule of meetings for next semester

- Thursdays, 11:45-1:15.
- Jan 20th, Feb 17th, March 24th, April 21st.
- Third Thursday of every month.