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Library Faculty Council Meeting Minutes

1 May 2012, 2:00 p.m., Room 218, Poynter Library

Librarians Present: Gary Austin, Deborah Henry, Jerry Notaro, Patricia Pettijohn, Tina Neville, Kaya Van Beynen, Jim Schnur

Regrets: None

Guests: Carol Hixson (during faculty governance reports)

Meeting: Called to order at 2:01 p.m. by Jerry

Minutes: Motion to accept 3 April 2012 meeting minutes made by Deb and seconded by Tina.
Motion carried.

Faculty Governance Reports

United Faculty of Florida: Paul Terry continues to serve as UFF president for the forthcoming year even though he is at USF Poly because he will remain an employee with USF.

System Faculty Council: Jerry will share more detailed notes. He provided a verbal summary. The SFC deliberated about advisory council activities and workgroups. Chris Davis was elected president, with Gregory Teague of FMHI on the USF Tampa campus serving as vice president. SFC leaders stressed that the body's role is to approve the *process* of consultation but not the *decisions* rendered. This body wants to assure that faculty are consulted but does not seek to place a stamp of approval on actions taken. Kathleen Moore's presentation was excellent. Jerry said that all parties are finally accepting that it is the Board of Governors, not some decision by the Tampa campus, that limits us to having a single place at the table among other state universities despite the way that our governance and administrative structures have devolved within the USF System. SFC members continued to wordsmith the constitution and also engaged in a general discussion of the status of the USF System.

Faculty Senate: There was an extended conversation about the actions of other USFSP colleges regarding their interests in the progression of campus leadership. Formal action on this matter by the LFC was suspended until after the other reports.

Undergraduate Council: Jim announced that the council met on April 24 and approved a series of proposals for a joint program by the colleges of Arts and Sciences and Education presented by Alejandro Brice. In addition, the body continued its work in approving measures to move ESP tracks (which cannot be tracked in the online system) into concentrations that have a defined course structure.

Graduate Council: Discussion during the meeting focused on the approval of the master's degree in Psychology within the USF System so that the proposal can now move to the Board of Governors. The application has received support from other institutions and is not entirely duplicative of other programs in Florida public universities. Tina said that the master's in ESP is working on a non-thesis option that includes a final project instead of a written thesis. Also, the College of Education has started to readmit students to two master's level programs that remained on the books but were dormant for a period of time.

Research Council: There was general discussion regarding award applications and a belief that packets accepted for review should focus on evaluative measures of the research (book reviews, etc.) rather than just the items themselves. Packets have become bulky as applicants have submitted photocopies of entire books and similar materials.

General Education: Patricia mentioned that some good discussions came out of the breakout gathering at Harbor Hall during Research Week.

Diversity and Inclusivity Committee: Patricia said that the group has submitted a request to Margaret Sullivan for a monetary allocation to cover involvement in the annual St. Pete Pride festival.

Awards Committee: Jim stated that the committee's annual report mentioned the importance of considering possible rubrics or ways to quantify service and/or teaching assignments for the awards

(At this point in the meeting, Dean Hixson left the room)

Meeting Minutes

The minutes were formally approved as stated on the first page.

Announcements

Articulation Agreement with USGS: The current agreement between the Poynter Library and USGS has expired. For the time being, we will continue to allow the borrowing of materials from our collection. However, we will not honor interlibrary loan requests or provide free printing until the agreement is reinstated.

New Business

Leadership Progression at USFSP: Faculty Senate President Chris Davis has requested that the library and academic colleges consider options, including a possible vote by each respective council, regarding the potential for a search and progression regarding USFSP leadership. Discussion followed regarding the appropriate response. On a motion by Tina, seconded by Deb, and approved by vote, the Library Faculty Council approved a statement regarding our position.

Faculty Governance Appointments: With the end of the semester, appointments on committees come to an end. Members of the Library Faculty Council agreed to serve in the following Faculty Senate councils and committees for the next term:

Faculty Senate: Kaya
Undergraduate Council: Jim
Graduate Council: Tina
Research Council: Deb
General Education: Gary
Awards Committee: Deb

Old Business

System Faculty Council Representation: Patricia will assume that role.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Schnur
Council Secretary