

Faculty Council Meeting
Monday, April 29, 2013
2:00pm C210

Attending: James Mayo (Council Chair/CFA), Sara Youngerman (Secretary/Math and Science), Kim Todd (AH), Teri Maddox(at-large), Jerry Gilbert (CH), Richard Skelton (IT/BIC), Don Brown (IT/BIC) , Emily Fortner (SBS), Mary Wadley(CH), Bob Raines (ex-officio), Becca Rhea (CH), Karolyn Smith (Nursing), Barbara Scott-Goodman(Nursing).

Absent: Vivian Grooms(SBS), Kim Holland(Nursing), Sheila Holland(Nursing), Dee Jones(Nursing).

Newly elected council members: Vivian Grooms (Social and Behavioral Sciences); Richard Skelton (Industrial Technology and Business, Information and Computer Systems); Karolyn Smith (Nursing); Mary Wadley (Communication and Humanities)

The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm by Council Chair James Mayo. Minutes from the previous Council meeting were approved.

Faculty council discussed graduation line up options and recommended lining up by rank as had been done in previous years. James will report back to academic affairs with the decision.

Faculty council briefly discussed the final exam schedule. Several faculty have complained about overlapping final exams with students having two exams and one time with the current non-schedule. Some subject areas may not need a full two hours of exam time, while others need the full two hours and it's more difficult on the students to break up final exams. Faculty council recommends that the old assigned 2 hour final exam schedule be reinstated. James will report the recommendation back to academic affairs.

Gerald Batchelor met with James and others on the council to discuss the door lock situation on campus. All locks on campus will be changed so that classroom doors can lock from the interior and all locks will meet ADA requirements.

The council discussed the issues with summer advising. The current Faculty handbook is outdated and needs to be updated. Currently faculty can volunteer to advise during Great Expectations. It was mentioned that faculty teaching during the summer could use part of their weekly office hours to advise during Great Expectations. Council members also discussed the difference between the nine month and twelve month faculty as the twelve month faculty could potentially be burdened with more advising over the summer than the nine month faculty. It was also discussed as to whether nine month faculty could be required to advise over the summer. No motion was made on the matter.

The council discussed the Outstanding Faculty Award nomination process. Dr. Seymour was revamping the process. Dr. Seymour agreed that the original policy and guidelines were cumbersome and shortened the process. The award nomination form was sent out to students via student email. Faculty council members suggested asking SGA for their input as to the best way to distribute the nomination forms.

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The Faculty council subcommittee reviewed the award nominations for the faculty and staff awards. The recommended recipients were:

Outstanding Arts and Sciences Faculty: Dr. Nell Senter
New Horizons Award: Dr. Liz Thompson Mayo
Outstanding Adjunct Faculty: Cynthia Hardison
Outstanding Staff (2): Lori Hopper and David Clark

Bob Raines moved to pass that these people selected by the subcommittee receive the awards. Teri Maddox seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Faculty Council reviewed the concerns and recommendations regarding faculty involvement with student organizations and the burden being a club advisor puts on faculty members. Bob Raines moved to send the recommendations to Students Services, Emily Fortner seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Faculty council discussed the faculty council constitution. Council members discussed several issues including: the current faculty council constitution which was never ratified by the faculty, council membership numbers were reduced which impacts faculty representation, the JSCC TBR subcouncil representative cannot serve as an officer due to term limitations, and the constitution needs to be updated due to department and division reorganizations. Council members discussed polling the faculty to see if they think it's worth pursuing changes to the constitution, specifically the four major issues mentioned.

Becca Rhea motioned to table the issue. Motion was not seconded.

Kim Todd made a motion that faculty should be informed on the current constitution and by-laws of the Faculty Council and a vote should be taken to determine whether or not changes or revisions should be suggested. Teri Maddox seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Officer Elections:

Jerry Gilbert nominated Kim Holland for Chair. Becca Rhea motioned all nominations cease; motion was seconded by Jerry Gilbert; motion passed unanimously. Kim Holland was unanimously elected Chair.

Jerry Gilbert nominated Richard Skelton for Vice Chair. Kim Todd motioned to cease nominations; motion was seconded by Don Brown; motion passed unanimously. Richard Skelton was unanimously elected Vice Chair.

Sara Youngerman nominated Vivian Grooms for Secretary. Jerry Gilbert motioned to cease nominations; the motion was seconded by Becca Rhea; motion passed unanimously. Vivian Grooms was unanimously elected secretary.

Jerry Gilbert made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Teri Maddox seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:45pm.