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Minutes

Faculty Senate

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I. Call to Order

- Chair of Faculty Senate, C.C. Wharram, called the meeting to order at 2pm
- Senators in attendance: Abebe, VanGunten, Barnard, Brantley, Eckert, Hugo, Gosse, Shaw K., Shaw N., Stowell, Wharram, White; student senator Khamisani
- Guests: JJ Bullock (DEN reporter)

- II. Approval of Minutes 05-02-2019. Motion (Stowell/Abebe), No one abstains.
Approval of Minutes 10-01-2019. Motion (Brantley/Barnard), White/ Eckert abstain.

III. Committee Reports

Executive

- Wharram: The executive committee will be meeting with President Glassman and Provost Gatrell before the Faculty Senate meeting on October 29, 2019. We will also have a CUPB report at this meeting. Please email Wharram if you have any issues/concerns/questions about the budget.
- Shaw, N.: There has been some discussion in Doudna about a Fine Arts fee.
- Wharram: Students have also asked about an optional student fee. Is this possible? We need to explore this more. Wharram will talk with VP McCann and the Student Senate about this need/opportunity.
- Stowell: IGP 123 starts at the student government level/ in the past we have had a member that is part of the student fee committee.
- Gosse: This will be a good time because there will be a lot of new fees for the nursing program both course fees and otherwise.

Elections & Nominations

- Stowell: No report

Student Senate

- Khamisani: Mental Health Awareness (10/14/2019-10/18/2019) —a pamphlet was shared with the senate members highlighting the events for the week.

Student and Staff Relations

- Hugo: Dec 26th is the gifted day for staff (essential personnel can take a later date) to help keep the campus open for students to dispute grades or take care of other issues. The E-Sports area has been very popular, with 1,086 people using it so far. There was an update on maintenance projects:
 - -Student Services elevator is being installed
 - -McAfee is next on the list and is estimated to be done no later than Jan.
 - -Library stairs are being held up due to the limestone being refuted for replacement, due to historic reasons.
 - -Life Sciences building is waiting on bid.

Awards Committee

- N. Hugo: In the middle of the review process for 9 nominees for the Mendez Award. Recipient will be announced at the Oct 29th Faculty Senate meeting

Faculty Forum

- Abebe: No report committee plans to meet after Senate meeting today.

Budget Transparency

- Barnard: The audit of the FY 19 financial statements is still underway. Final figures will be available following the audit. The unrestricted fund balance is expected to increase. The FY 20 budget should be finalized in a timelier manner than in past years. Debt service is expected to go down in FY 20. For the first time since the budget impasse, EIU has a balanced budget with regard to appropriated revenue.

Naming Committee

- Wharram (from Scher): No report

IV. Business

Provost's Report

Provost Gatrell: No report given the Provost is attending the Salute to Scholars in Effingham during today's meeting.

Textbook Rental

Discussion

Wharram: We need another committee member for the Textbook Rental Committee. Wharram will send an email to Steve Scher to see if he is willing to serve on that committee. Sue Gosse has already volunteered to serve on the committee. An email vote may take place to vote for appointment of Steve Scher to the committee.

Brantley: Why is the bond on the building an issue with why we do not speak about the evolution of textbook rental? It seems to stall our ability to talk about the evolution of textbook rental.

Stowell: We are to a point now where the committee is realizing that we need to do something. We can't do anything until that bond is paid off but the committee realizes that we need to start preparing/planning now, even if it is an intermediate or transitional plan.

Wharram: There are a lot of ways that textbook rental can carry on and use that space. Changes are imminent because of the pressure from publishers. Hopefully we will find out more information soon.

Quality Initiative Proposal (QIP): Informational update

Stowell: HLC and accreditation—The Open Pathway-- Quality Initiative Review
This coming year we will decide on a project to be completed across campus. There are three manageable projects that are being discussed by the committee that can be conducted, assessed, and possibly submitted as a report to the HLC (Higher Learning Commission). A Subcommittee has been formed for each of the following project proposals.

- 1-Inclusion and Academic Engagement: High Impact Practices
- 2-Living & Learning Communities
- 3-Environmental Sustainability—Interdisciplinary (Wharram)

Stowell: The plan is to have a proposal submitted as a report by next Summer and then conducting and assessing a project over the next 2.5 years.

Gosse: Is there funding for this project?

Stowell & Wharram: Not as of yet.

Gosse: There is robust literature for Living & Learning Communities.

VanGunten: I am wondering if all three of the proposals are relying on General Education components? If this is the case then the students coming to the University with so many of their general education/ dual credit hours completed

need to be considered. Especially Honors students.

Stowell: Yes. Dean England (Honors College) has mentioned an interest in having honors students involved but he also recognizes the difficulty of dual credit hours.

Wharram: If anyone has any thoughts on these committees please contact any of the members of the QIP committee.

Stowell: QIP Members to contact are as follows: Catherine Polydore, Sace Elder, Angela Vietto, Michael Cornebeise, Misty Rhoads, Kelly Best, Beth Gillespie, Jeff Stowell, and CC Wharram.

Other Business

Brantley: Graduate Students in the MS in Sustainability are doing a Sustainability presentation today in the Edgar Room from 3-5pm.

Brantley: How are we doing with our list of visitors to faculty senate?

Wharram: Will work with Dean Ersin CHHS and settle on dates. Dean Cheney LCBT will also be contacted and asked to come and speak to the senate.

Wharram: School of the Arts—has anyone been nominated as the current coordinator?

Shaw, N.: Yes—Shelley Gregorich (Chair, Department of Music) and the other department chairs (Department of Art and Design and Department of Theater) will rotate the position. Nick and Stefan will give us an update at the next meeting

Brantley: Suggests Matt Gill come to give us an update on the School of Communication and Journalism.

Motion (Abebe/ White) to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Adjourned at 2:52 PM.

Submitted by Senate substitute recorder, K. Shaw October 25, 201

