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Agenda & Minutes

Faculty Senate 2022-2023

October 18, 2022

Members Present: Teshome Abebe, Todd Bruns, Amy Davis, Matt Inverso, Stephen Kozlowski, Nichole Mulvey, Alicia Neal, Jeanne Okrasinski, Andy Parrish, Md Farhadur Reza, Grant Sterling (left at 3:00 p.m. for Strategic Planning Town Hall), Jeff Stowell, Anne Thibault Geen, Larry White

Guests: Provost Jay Gatrell (left at 3:00 for Strategic Planning Town Hall), Ellen Corrigan, Jennifer Stringfellow, Amy Odwarka

- I. Approval of Minutes from October 4
 - a. Motion made by Sterling, second Stowell; passed unanimously
- II. Welcome Student Senate rep Caleb Kowalewski
 - a. Caleb was introduced and Senate welcomed him to the meeting.
- III. Senate Reports
 - a. Executive Committee will be meeting with the Provost and President next week.
 - b. Senator Bruns gave an update from the recent meeting of Shared Governance Chairs
 - i. CHHS Dean Storsved had nominated Laurel Teller from CDS as the CHHS representative to fill the open CAA position and asked Senate to approve this appointment.
 1. Motion Mulvey, second Davis; passed unanimously
 - ii. CGS is looking at revising policies related to retaking courses when the student has gotten a C and the required 3.0 GPA for graduation.
 - c. Elections & Nominations (Stowell)
 - i. No report
 - d. Student & Staff Relations (Neal/Davis)
 - i. Student relations had no report
 - ii. Staff relations had no report
 - e. Faculty Forum (Sterling)
 - i. Committee discussed several ideas for topics and what was feasible for completion this semester. It was decided that we could most easily facilitate a discussion on academic integrity and this will be planned in early to mid November.
 - f. Awards (Scher)
 - i. A reminder for Luis Clay Mendez Award was sent out last week and due this Friday (October 21st). Faculty are encouraged to nominate colleagues for this important award.
 - g. Ad-hoc Academic Honesty and Student Standards (Thibault-Geen)

- i. Senator Thibault-Geen will be attending the CAA meeting on Thursday and will discuss Faculty Senate's concerns and movement to address these issues.

IV. Provost's Report

- a. Homecoming was a huge success and Provost Gatrell thanked those who were able to participate. The return of students and community members to campus in large numbers and a winning football team made for a great weekend.
- b. The first campus town hall meeting for strategic planning will be today and the second will be tomorrow. Data from external and internal sources will be discussed and trends in that data collected. Themes and derivative concepts will be shared with more stakeholders and evolution of the process is expected. The strategic planning process is paralleling current HLC work and quality initiatives and the plan remains to have a new strategic plan to the BOT by the June meeting. We are completing this process ourselves with focus on prioritizing what we want for the EIU community. Faculty are encouraged to complete the survey on the strategic planning website by Friday.
- c. Senator Stowell asked for a science building update. Provost Gatrell reported that EIU is at the value engineering stage since the initial project was started in 2009 and inflation has changed plans. The plan is to have further design elements finalized this year.

V. Guest Speaker: Associate VP of Enrollment Management Josh Norman

- a. Josh Norman was unable to attend today and will join us on November 1st instead.

VI. Discussion Items

- a. Luis Clay Mendez Faculty Service Award Resolution: Continuing Discussion (Scher/Bruns)
 - i. A handout was shared with Faculty Senate regarding the history of the endowment for the Distinguished Faculty Award as well a current financial information.
 - ii. Senator Bruns noted that he had updated the resolution previously discussed by removing the wording "minimum of" to avoid future concerns related to fiscal responsibility. Faculty Senate can change the resolution later if needed.
 - iii. Several senators provided input after reviewing the history of the endowment and amendments, current corpus and yearly generation of earnings, as well as general trends in award costs. Opportunity costs in taking out the extra \$500 were also discussed, with concern for losing the generated interest without plans to replace it. Additional discussion indicated that the \$500 was not the issue, rather that the value of rewarding faculty for work above and beyond their requirements is important and necessary.
 - iv. Senator White made a motion to table the resolution until more information could be obtained. No second was obtained, motion failed.

- v. Senator Parrish called the question. Senator Stowell seconded. Roll call vote resulted in 14 yes votes and 1 no vote, resolution passed. This resolution will now be passed on to the Foundation Board to be approved in the February meeting.
 - b. Comp Sci/Math computer lab: Update (Reza/Parrish)
 - i. There were several options shared with the CS department from Provost Gatrell and several colleagues are discussing options for future funding, including program or course fees.
 - c. Faculty service shortage (Bruns)
 - i. Streamline College/Dep service and/or DAC credit could be discussed during Senator Bruns chair tour. Several ideas were discussed about autonomy of departments and how Senator Bruns as chair of Senate attending department meetings can share our ideas but also ask for ideas from departments on how to increase faculty engagement. The intent is to have discussions about service needs in all areas as well as for FS to become aware of department needs across campus.
- VII. Due to the Strategic Planning Town Hall coming up at 3:30, Senator Bruns moved to table the following items until next time:
 - a. Faculty Burnout (Scher)
 - i. Convocation reception (Bruns/Gatrell)
 - ii. Regalia support (Bruns/Gatrell)
 - iii. Rec Center options (Stowell)
 - b. Budget transparency (Abebe)

VIII. Open Session

Guests attending in-person or remotely may pose questions or share thoughts with Faculty Senate

Meeting was adjourned at 3:15