Governing Faculty Meeting Minutes- Approved 2.2.18

Oct 6, 2017

FH 111 10:00-11:30am

Ricardo Alfaro-Chair and Emily Newberry-Secretary were present

Governing Faculty Present: M. Wolverton (LIB), S. Wandmacher (PHL), J. Kelts (CMB), N. Kingsley (CMB), J. Massing (CMB), V. Robinson (SON), S. Lippert (AAH), J. Wiess (ENG), A. Goldberg (PT), D. Lair (COM), M. Paroske (COM), L. Knecht (SON), M. Huang (PT), K. Hiramatsu (ENG), E. Feuerherm (ENG), K. Litwin (SACJ), K. Bender (SACJ), L. Smith (PT), C. Tiernan (PT), J. Schirmer (ENG), H. Wehbe-Alamah (SON), D. Birchok (SACJ), H. Laube (SACJ), K. Berg (PT), J. Blackwood (PT), M. Doyle (LIB), B. Schrader (COM), L. Friesen (LIB), B. Xhajiba (CMB), A. Kahl Smith (SACJ), C. Larson (PT), G. Gameda (AFS), Q. Mazumder (CSEP), DJ Trela (ENG/FOR), M. Mani (CSEP), F. Mohsen (CSEP), H. Bisgin (CSEP), A. Dorfman (SEHS), C. Tang (CSEP), B. Barman (CSEP), F. Svoboda (ENG), J. Sanders (BIO), J. Alsup (CSEP), R. Ganguly (CSEP), J. Broadbent (PSY), J. Ellis (HIS), J. Blumner (ENG)

Meeting called to order at 10:06am

Guest Speakers: Chancellor Borrego and Provost Knerr

Chancellor read prepared statement. Discussed timeline for addressing strategic priorities and climate study. Text of update and plans for strategic plan attached to these minutes per her request.

She stated that she would endorse the resolution to be taken under consideration later in this meeting.

Provost Knerr addressed the idea of using CESF to look at faculty salary equity issues, but would like to use external parties as well.

Chancellor and Provost left meeting.

Guest Speakers: Lori Rathbun and Jason Gooding

Lori and Jason shared some of the discussion points that they discussed with President Schlissel during his meeting with Staff Council. The document was not shared with the Chancellor but they planned on sharing it with her.

Staff Council endorsed and they would be sending it on to President Schlissel.

Summary of concerns related to issues primarily addressed in the Climate Study.
Staff Council is encouraged by its meeting with Faculty Council and would like to continue meeting periodically.

Comments from Faculty:

- Questions about what this document is and what its purpose is?
- Suggestion presented that Staff Council representatives give annual update to Governing Faculty, and perhaps have some of Faculty Council attend Staff meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**

S. Lippert Extensive circulated changes to draft minutes of Sept 15 and R. Alfaro moved to postpone approval of minutes to the next Governing Faculty meeting.

**Discussion of Resolution presented by Marcus Paroske and Heather Laube**

Resolution was presented to Staff Council to make sure it was representative of their needs and wants.

Motion to consider seconded and opened for debate.

Questions about who “all members” refers to.

J. Ellis made friendly amendment to change title to “Resolution of Governing Faculty of UM-Flint”

M. Paroske approved of change.

Discussion of who this should be sent to. Authors encouraged sharing as widely as possible.

Discussion Closed.

Voice vote: unanimous support.

**Follow up regarding President Schlissel’s visit**

Informal discussion.

R. Alfaro emailed the President to thank him for his visit. If President communicates back, Alfaro will convey that to the faculty.

**Update on Faculty Council steps to organize Climate Report responses**

Concern raised that Governing Faculty never made an official motion to move forward in this way.
DJ Trela made motion to move the process articulated in the last meeting forward. (Faculty Council will solicit reports from all standing committees, groups, or individuals who would like to respond to the Climate report. They will then create a report with recommendations generated from these reports.) Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Faculty Council will hold several open forums to allow open discussion for Governing Faculty members who may not be on committees.

Hiba Wehbe-Alamah presented her summary of the Climate Study

Committee updates

CAC/BSP- working on FAQ about budget issues. Deadline of Oct 10 to submit questions. They are working on draft of recommendations related to the Climate Study. They are also working on implementation of Strategic Planning.

AAAC-are considering the Climate Study and have begun drafting response. They are working on the guidelines for academic calendar and should have revision next month. Provost is trying to get the issue of the approval by the Regents of the wrong academic calendar resolved.

GECC- no representative, but discussion ensued about FYE and Gen Ed Ad-Hoc Committees and if there is duplicated effort within CAS.

Announcements

E. Newberry read Veterans Day announcement shared by Beverly Jones on behalf of the University Veteran's Day Planning Committee.

S. Lippert announced that AAUP is accepting requests for workshops or other events that they can hold.

H. Laube motioned to adjourn.

Meeting ended at 11:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Newberry
Secretary/Chair-Elect Faculty Council