Governing Faculty Minutes of April 6, 2018- approved May 10, 2018

Location: 161 FH

Present: R. Alfaro (MTH/Chair), E. Newberry (LIB/Secretary/Chair-Elect), J. Schirmer (ENG), D. Duriancik (BIO), V. Robinson (NUR), A. Lutzker (ECN), M. Doyle (LIB), L. Svoboda (LIB), K. Schilling (MTH), J. Blumner (ENG), J. Broadbent (PSY), S. Roach (ENG), F. Svoboda (ENG), B. Veillet (PHL), T. Shamim (CSEP), H. Laube (SACJ), V. Larson (ENG), J. Sanders (BIO), D. Birchok (SACJ), A. Goldberg (PT), E. Britt (ENG), S. Knight (ENG), L. Knecht (NUR), J. Kelts (CMB), J. Lawand (FOR), E. Feuerherm (ENG), M. Simkani (MTH), M. Wyneken (SEHS), J. Haefner (SON), D. Lair (COM), K. Litwin (SACJ)

Guests:

Meeting brought into session at 12:05pm

Minutes from March 13, 2018- approved

Discussion of Code Changes Motions-

- **Admissions Committee convert to Enrollment Management Committee**
  - Language should be edited to convert this committee into the committee that works with and advises the VC for Enrollment Management
  - Remove word advisory from title
  - Language shouldn’t be too specific
  - Discussion of what admission requirements they discuss, university wide? Or units?
  - Strike language related to collaborating with AAAC on calendar
  - Remove language citing specific responsibilities and replace with “in all areas of responsibility” so that Code will not need to be edited as the responsibilities of the position change.

- **Faculty Grievance Procedure Edits**
  - Request to have them listed as separate motions
  - Increasing pool of Faculty Grievance Hearing Panel members- Will decrease workload on members when there are multiple simultaneous grievances
  - Eliminating language related to election of separate pool of people- librarians will only have two to rank, is that ok with them?

- **Survey of Faculty Council**
  - Faculty Council underwent self-survey this year. Suggested that this become codified.
  - Remove language about uploading comments and numerical results to website.
  - Suggestion to have archivist maintain the records of these surveys
  - Suggestion to have the results circulated to the governing faculty via email is sufficient.
Suggested to add language “faculty council will report to governing faculty its reflection on the results”

- **Edit language related to Administrator Survey**
  - Change word “deans” to “administrators”
  - Question about what Ann Arbor does. They upload numerical results to a public website along with Dearborn’s results.
  - Add language “numerical data” in the first sentence of this section.

- **Re-establishing quorum**
  - Quorum used to be 30% before it was removed from Code. Language was removed when electronic ballot motion was passed. When motion to allow motions with ¾ supermajority to pass in meetings was passed, quorum was not re-established.
  - Quorum currently is simple majority of governing faculty members per Robert’s Rules (or approximately 157)
  - 20% is too low, if it was 30% before, that number should be used again
  - FC recommends 20% because it more accurately reflects attendance at governing faculty meetings over the last 3 years. Average attendance is 66 and 20% is 63.
  - Reducing quorum to 20% and people knowing business is being conducted may attract people to start coming again. They may avoid coming currently knowing that everything goes to electronic ballot.
  - More research needs to be done on why people are not coming to governing faculty meetings.

**Administrator Surveys- follow up-**

R. Alfaro met with Barbara Avery. She acknowledged that her survey results were primarily due to people not knowing her. She plans to recommend that her replacement is able to find mechanisms to engage with the faculty more.

R. Alfaro reported that Faculty Council has made several attempts to discuss the results of the Chancellor’s survey, but she has not been willing to meet with FC. R. Alfaro offered time on any of the March Faculty Council meetings, but she said she was unable to attend. FC then decided to send her a request that FC leadership would meet with her at her convenience, but she replied that she had a pretty intense schedule.

The Chancellor has also not attended CAC/BSP this semester.

Discussion commenced on how to deal with these issues: share numerical results with president, introduce motion for non-reappointment, and reach out to the president to find out timeline for reappointment process.

J. Lawand calls for quorum. No quorum present.
Faculty Council will reach out to the president to try to determine what the timeline is for reappointment.

**Update on Governance Matters**

OGC communicated with R. Alfaro that they have received other requests from people looking for related information, so they are taking a broader look at the issue and will respond by the end of April.

Faculty Council sent this motion to SACUA:

> On behalf of the UM Flint Faculty, the Faculty Council urges a postponement of 1) the plan to designate a seat for UM Flint on SACUA and 2) the establishment of a permanent Tri-Campus Task Force Committee until our campus has had time to consider the implications of those actions. The current motions have been drafted with no campus-wide consultation with the UM Flint faculty. We desire an opportunity to engage in deliberation about the pros and cons of the proposals. We hope you share our position that decisions are best made by those most affected by them and endorse continued autonomy of the regional campuses on matters of purely campus-wide concern.

In response Faculty Council has been invited to have 30 minutes on the April 23 SACUA meeting agenda to discuss our concerns related to the Tri-Campus Task Force.

There has been miscommunications and misrepresentations of Flint Faculty Governance to Ann Arbor.

Discussion: Concerns were raised that the Tri-Campus Task Force is doing work that will affect Flint Faculty and potentially circumventing the authority of governance on this campus. Appreciation was also voiced that these proposals will finally give Flint representation in Ann Arbor.

Questions about potential concerns? Representation of Flint in Ann Arbor without broad consultation with the faculty, potential workload issues. Faculty Council is requesting time to review and discuss these proposals before action is taken.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:14 pm**

Respectfully submitted
Emily Newberry- Secretary/Chair-Elect