Approved Minutes from the March 08, 2017 Faculty Council.


Absent: S. Banerjee.

Guests: D. Knerr, Provost; S. Borrego, Chancellor.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am.

The Chancellor indicated that she and the Provost desired to name Mike Hague as permanent, rather than interim, to the Vice Chancellor for Business and Administration, and expressed their confidence with Mike’s leadership and vision. The Provost talked to the directors of the positions that report to M. Hague, and said all of them were pleased with his work and they trust him not only as leader but on a personal level. S. Lippert questioned about the relation between the people working directly with M. Hague. The Provost indicated that report has been of M. Hague being a good team player. S. Selig asked what we can do to respond to a backlash from constituents that expressed concern that this is a hand-picked person rather than going through a proper vetting. Faculty Council asked for a communication from the Chancellor with the process that was done to reach to the conclusion of the appointment. Faculty Council appreciated the Chancellor coming to consult with us, and also suggested that she contact C. Miller, chair of CAC/BSP, to get their opinion on this appointment.

The Chancellor left at 9:30am.

C. Douglas started a discussion on the charge to the task force for revision of the Faculty Council as submitted with the agenda. S. Lippert expressed concern that time for faculty input was too short prior to the task-force. A. Dorfman indicated that the work of the task force would good to start as soon as possible so they can consult as broadly as possible.

The Provost left at 9:40am.

Minutes from February 22, 2017 were approved as amended.

We approved the Task-Force charge as revised. C. Douglas will work with the Provost to see the list of people interested on being part of the task-force.

C. Douglas announced that he will meet with the Chancellor prior to the next Governing Faculties meeting to go over issues that faculty would like her to address. T. Wrobel asked to have a report on the changes that will impact our campus with the upcoming work by Consumer’s Energy along the Flint River. S. Selig will contact UREL to ask for continuous updates to faculty about these changes.

Several members have recommended to have a forward looking conversation at our next Governing Faculties meeting, that we should recognized the steps the Chancellor has taken to improve the relation with the faculty. It was suggested to ask committees to send to FC a
summarized report on their major issues being dealt with. We then will use this reports to structure the discussion with the Chancellor.

J. Furman motioned to waive the 48 hour rule to discuss the submitted proposal by the Library through an email sent yesterday. We agreed to discuss it. We will add it to the proposed code changes. FC will recommend in favor of the proposal.

C. Douglas mentioned that there is a large desire to change our faculty grievance procedures to a uniform process that is also parallel to the UM-Dearborn and Ann Arbor processes. It was suggested to also look at the SACUA document on regards to grievance procedures. We will continue this discussion at next meeting.

C, Douglas indicated he will be circulating the numerical results of the administrator’s surveys. We will then have copies of the comments for our next meeting for discussion, and the documents will be then destroyed so no electronic copies will be circulated.

T. Wrobel motioned to allow the GECC committee to have six members as an interim solution to the inconsistency created by the failing of proposal 7. Motioned passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50am.

Respectfully submitted,
Ricardo Alfaro
Secretary Faculty Council