Minutes from the April 12, 2017 Faculty Council.


Absent: J. Furman (AAAC rep), S. Banerjee.

Guests: Strategic Plan Committee, Provost Knerr.

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

H. Wehbe-Alamah presented the draft of the Strategic Plan priorities for comments. It was suggested to make sure campus knows these are only the goals and that details will be worked out during next year. The Strategic Plan recommends a vote for the package rather than individually. FC thanked the committee for a well written concept, and see the priorities as familiar and a good representation of the campus needs. It was suggested that the committee present at the governing faculty a draft of the process that follows and how faculty will be involved in it. It was mentioned the lack of ethos of the principles that govern us as a democratic institution. It was suggested that priority 4 could be divided into two, one emphasizing education and the other scholarship. For Priority 1, it was suggested the conversation must include if we want to be a doctoral institution in the Carnegie classification, and if so, what would be the demand on faculty. H. Wehbe-Alamah also asked for endorsement from the Faculty Council of the priorities document prior to the governing faculties meeting.

The Strategic Plan Committee left at 9:30am.

D. Knerr announced V. Lotfi will be returning to the faculty next year. There will be a call for an interim position. A new redefined position will be drafted and a search for a permanent position will start in Fall. He also talked about the challenge of the economic security of the faculty and the identification of composition and structure of governing faculty as we move forward. Faculty governance and Curriculum issues will be main points of his message for next year, and asked FC to maintain a strong conversation on these issues.

The Provost left at 9:55am.

Minutes of March 22 were approved as submitted.

C. Douglas asked FC to endorse the goals with the following revisions: 1) Separate priority 4 for education and scholarship, 2) Put ethos based on justice and democracy, and the importance of faculty governance need to be included in priority 1. This was motioned by A. Dorfman, seconded by S. Lippert. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Douglas was asked to explain the changes he suggested in the Grievance Procedure documents submitted. Some changes were made in the Appeals section. Motion to approve the corrections was made and approved.

S. Lippert (CAC/BSP), mentioned the official university deficit is at 7 million. She also mentioned a document that she would like FC to make comments on, and will be distributed in summer.
T. Wrobel thanked S. Selig for her three years of service in FC. C. Douglass asked members to look at the documents on administrative search, comment and discuss by email for next week. Meeting adjourned at 10:55am.

Respectfully submitted,
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Secretary Faculty Council