Minutes from the October 26, 2016 Faculty Council Meeting


Absent: S. Selig.

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

Faculty representatives of AAUP (J. Lawand, M. Mani, J. Sanders, K. Miller) asked for substantial collaboration of Faculty Council on the visit of AAUP guests. This visit is being promoted also by the Provost to make an independent assessment of the Faculty Governance at UM-Flint. The group making the assessment consists of D. Nails (MSU), J. Lehman (UM), D. Barnes (SACUA). It will take place the first part of December. The AAUP group of UM-Flint has done the legwork and want FC to promote and lead the process. They also indicated that he Provost Office will provide logistical support.

AAUP representatives left the meeting.

Chris announced that the Chancellor has agreed to the November 11th meeting with Governing Faculties, from 10:30am to 12 noon. A small group of the FC will meet with the Chancellor prior to the meeting.

Minutes from October 12 were approved.

AAAC report. J. Furman said they are working on the 2018-2019 Calendar, and on the strategic planning process proposal. The ad-hoc committees called by the Provost has not been formally formed. FC asked Jan to convey to AAAC our concern of how General Education committee communicated the moratorium on GE courses, and the need for insurance that the recommendations will be channel through the proper faculty committees.

CAC/BCP report. S. Lippert indicated that they met with the strategic planning consultants, in particular addressing questions of where the budget for this process is coming from and how it is used. The committee has also asked to be provided with copies of the audit and budget. The Chancellor is not a regular participant of the committee meetings, with the Provost and the Chief of Staff attending the meetings. FC asked S. Lippert to have the committee clarified if the Chief of Staff is speaking for the Chancellor at the meetings or not since she is not a member of the committee per the code.

Changes for the Code. It was agreed that editorial changes will be grouped into one proposal, including proposals 1 and 2. Proposal 4 will be reviewed once we decide on the definition of “substantial” motions. Proposal 5 was largely discussed. There is a pressing matter of representation of the School of Nursing into the committees. Chris will ask the Nominating Committee, SHPS and SON to nominate faculty to the needed committees, so we can appoint members to serve until April 31, 2017. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Matters arising. There was concern that faculty was not informed on time of the Regents Meeting on campus. This significantly diminished the opportunity for faculty to participate as in the past on these meetings.
Meeting adjourned at 10:30am.

Respectfully submitted,
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Secretary Faculty Council