Minutes


Absent: V. Prygoski

1. Draft agenda, draft minutes of November 19, 2014 and draft minutes of January 7, 2015 were approved.

2. Reports of CAC/BSP and AAAC – C. Pearson joined the meeting late; however, he provided the CAC/BSP report to Faculty Council via email prior to the meeting: The CAC/BSP met on January 12, 2015. Since there was no circulated agenda, it could be called an informal meeting. The Chancellor did provide updates on items that have now been sent to the University, such as the Interim Provost appointment. She also mentioned that securing the search firm for the Dean search was imminent. The Chancellor also indicated that she would like to begin a review of the number of governance groups, and that review would begin once the interim provost arrived. The feedback summary from the data collected during the Town Hall meetings in November addressing the strategic plan (data she distributed in December) was considered, but it was decided that the data should be placed in a different format, and that would be finished for the next meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 26, 2015.

T. Wrobel’s AAAC Report included: The interim provost will be on campus 4 days/week. AAAC discussed Governing Faculty Committees and their student members’ voting status on committees. As student members are often absent, and if they are voting members, this impacts ability of committee to have quorum. Different versions of the Code language were shared relative to student membership.

It was suggested that Code language needed some revisions relative to different committee’s role in approving new undergraduate programs, the time sequencing of required signatures, including that of the Provost.

AAAC discussed the value of the faculty at large receiving updates from Faculty Council. Faculty Council identified existing mechanisms for faculty to be informed of issues being
discussed by Faculty Council. It was agreed that Faculty Council would post announcements of importance on Blackboard and encourage faculty to review these.

3. Debrief on Title IX workshop (Friday, January 16, 2-4pm, MI Rooms C/D), next workshop is February 20, 2-4pm. Only a handful of faculty were in attendance. Reference was made to T. Williams ‘message which conveyed his concern about the omission in this policy which gives any party to a complaint the right to appeal, and the lack of inclusion of this item in the workshop. This issue was discussed again when the Interim Provost joined the meeting.

L. Alexander indicated that she sent out the AAUP due process policy on sexual harassment which states that this should be a peer reviewed process.

4. 3:00-3:50-pm, Interim Provost Dixon. L. Alexander reviewed various topics under discussion by Faculty Council and provided the Interim Provost with the names of the committees on which the Provost was an ex-officio member.

Topics identified: departure of tenure-track faculty prior to receiving tenure (approximately 50% rate); Administrator surveys – reports go out to all reviewed with summarized results sans comments; review of Governing Faculty committees; Title IX workshop focusing on procedures for Title IX complaints; composition of Provost and Deans’ search committees and search processes.

5. Faculty Code. (item discussed under 2 and 4 above)

6. Administrator surveys will be sent out on February 16th

7. CESF charge – per charge of September 29, report due March 13. No update was provided at this time.

8. Matters arising. L. Alexander invited UM Senate Assembly representatives to a future Faculty Council meeting.

L. Alexander will meet with Adam and Darryl, chairs of the CAC/BSP and AAAC.

Submitted by Suzanne Selig, Faculty Council Secretary/Chair-Elect