Approved Minutes from the September 28, 2016 Faculty Council Meeting


Absent: S. Selig.

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

The minutes from the September 14, 2016 Faculty Council meetings were approved.

Recap of the 9.23.16 Faculty Governance Meeting and next steps. Chris has sent Sue Fabbro the motion to be distributed to the faculty. Once questions are sent to FC, it was suggested to meet with the Chancellor prior to the meeting with the Governing Faculty. We will request questions to the Chancellor, not comments, so she can respond to them. We will frame the structure of the meeting based on the recommendations from the ad-hoc committee, grouped by the following themes: representation of Academic Affairs in the Cabinet, consultation with faculty before university decisions are made, turn over on administration and lack of institutional memory which may be associated with low staff and faculty morale, communication between faculty and administration (structure, how and what), and extensive use of outside sources (including consultants) on issues that can be achieve more effectively and properly internally. We will invite the Chancellor to meet with us prior to a meeting with the Governing Faculty. Chris will arrange for time and dates.

Follow up of SACUA-Faculty Council communications. Chris indicated the Chair of SACUA seemed to be unaware of the Faculty Governance structure and function at UM-Flint.

Report from AAAC. The Provost explained the rationale for the three ad-hoc committees that are being convene. It is his intention to have the committees to design their charges.

Report from CAC/BSP. No report.

Chris mentioned that there are several changes to the Faculty Code that need to be made. A list is being prepared are will be brought at a future meeting.

UM-Dearborn has a different process of administration evaluations, and Chris suggested we invite the Chair of Faculty Senate of UMD. Tom Wrobel will contact them to see this possibility.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary Faculty Council.