Minutes  
Faculty Council  
February 19, 2014  

Present: L. Alexander, B. Bix, C. Pearson, K. Schilling, H. Wehbe-Alamah, Ted (Fred) Williams, T. Wrobel  

The minutes of 2/5/2014 were approved.  

**Report from CAC/BSP.** At February 7, Vice-Chancellor for Business and Finance Greg Tewksbury presented University budget information. G. Tewksbury explained why 2-4% budget reduction exercise was requested. The process of Regental approval of the UM-Flint budget was discussed. CAC/BSP meets again on February 21.  

**Report from AAAC.** At the Committee’s February 4th meeting, S. Turner and M. Kaufman joined M. Vaziri, an AAAC member, to present the CSE proposal. M. Vaziri mentioned that faculty should standardize the voting process. AAAC also received a memo from CAS Interim Dean Albert Price in which he requested that AAAC delay its response to the CSE proposal until its response to it was received by AAAC. Two AAAC meeting dates were offered to Albert Price re his response to the CSE proposal. Provost Voland was present; he presented no items of business. At the next AAAC meeting, Associate Provost C. Waters will discuss the LEAP Initiative.  

**Discussion of Governing Faculty Meeting on February 14, 2014.** K. Schilling was commended for his leadership in the meeting.  

**Process for Governing Faculty voting.** FC discussed the merits of electronic voting vs. other forms. Some FC members expressed appreciation for live discussion at Governing Faculty meetings prior to a vote. FC agreed that a process for voting must be developed. B. Bix volunteered to draft a proposal about voting procedures and bring to FC’s next meeting on March 12. The proposal will form the basis for a discussion with Governing Faculty about a consistent process for voting. FC agreed that the Governing Faculty should determine its own voting process.  

**Procedure for the CSE Proposal.** K. Schilling summarized the process followed for the SON proposal, noting that there had been a set of forums held for discussion of the proposal. FC agreed that another set of forums should be held for discussion of the CSE proposal. Discussion ensued about the process to be followed. K. Schilling mentioned that the CAS response (regarding curricular and financial consequences) to the CSE proposal should be considered by CAC/BSP, AAAC, and Graduate Programs Committee when drafting their respective reports. CSE proposers are making presentations to CAC/BSP, AAAC, and Graduate Programs; the presentations to these three committees will conclude prior to the March 1-9 break.
**J. Tischler and S. Turner CSE Presentation.** J. Tischler and S. Turner joined the meeting, and K. Schilling reviewed with them the request made to the three committees considering the CSE proposal (AAAC, CAC/BSP, and Graduate Programs). That request is to read the CAS response before writing their respective reports. CAC/BSP has asked CAS Interim Dean A. Price to appear at their meeting on March 21.

J. Tischler and S. Turner provided background information to the CSE proposal, and the process leading to the proposal. FC members offered advice on how to strengthen the proposal, and also suggested that CSE proposers consult with colleagues who worked on the SON proposal.

FC discussed April 11 as a possible date for the next Governing Faculty meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Alexander