Draft Faculty Council Meeting minutes

Sept. 11, 2013


The Council is short three members. Replacements will be elected and/or appointed as appropriate.

Corrections to the Faculty Council minutes from the May 6 retreat will be circulated.

AAAC report: AAAC met during May, June and July. Among the items considered were:

1. Procedures for considering the proposal for a School of Nursing. There are two precedents from the mid-1990’s, the proposal to form a School of Applied Sciences (which was approved by the faculty, but not implemented by the University administration), and the formation of SEHS (which was implemented by the administration without having been considered by the faculty.)

2. The window during which student course evaluations are open. The correlations between the window, the rate of student participation and various other factors will be studied.

The Chancellor’s Advisory Committee has not yet met.

CESF met during the spring, including representatives of key faculty committees and the Provost. The Provost committed himself to increasing the number of tenure-track faculty. The committee will continue its recent practice of writing a campus report for the Provost and UM-Flint faculty, and cooperating with Ann Arbor on writing a report for the Regents.

There will be Brown Bag sessions on the Quality Initiative for HLC accreditation and on September 18, 19 and 20. A Governing Faculty meeting will be called to vote on the choice, on either Friday October 11 or 25.

The Council began a preliminary discussion of the proposal for a School of Nursing. CAC and AAAC will consider the proposal as well, and report their conclusions to the Council. Meanwhile, representatives from the Nursing Department will be invited to the next Council meeting. The Nursing proposal will be on the agenda (for discussion, not a vote) at the October 11 Governing Faculty meeting.

The Faculty Council has been invited, along with others, to meet with the Chancellor search firm on September 23. There is also an open meeting on that day. In addition, a group of Faculty Council and Staff Council members met recently to plan for the distribution of a survey to both the faculty and the staff to advise the search committee on the selection of our next chancellor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth Schilling, Secretary pro tempore