Faculty Council Meeting Minutes:  February 3, 2016


The meeting was called to order at 2:35pm

1. The minutes for the January 20, 2016 meeting were approved.

2. G. Laurence gave the AAAC update. AAAC discussed Faculty Council’s request for more faculty on administrator search committees. AAAC had questions regarding this request. Is the request for academic affairs searches only, or cabinet level searches? How many faculty need to be on the search committee? Should the recommendation be more general, reflecting the spirit of the wish for more faculty, rather than specifying a specific number of composition? This might be an appropriate topic for the next joint lunch meeting between AAAC-CAC/BSP-Faculty Council and the provost and chancellor. This can also be discussed with the provost when he attends a Faculty Council meeting. S. Selig will find out if there will be a joint lunch this semester. It was also suggested that AAAC first discuss this with the provost before discussing it with Faculty Council. M. Farmer gave the CAC/BSP update. Budget town hall meetings have been scheduled. The university currently has a $2 to $3 million operating deficit, which is coverable given current carry-forwards but not sustainable absent enrollment growth. An expanded budget committee is being established by the chancellor so stakeholders other than faculty can have input on the budget process. Faculty Council discussed positive aspects of the committee and concerns regarding it. Faculty Council agrees that there are other constituencies other than faculty have a stake in the budget and these constituencies should be heard from. Faculty Council is concerned about the dilution of faculty voices on the committee as the majority of the committee is non-faculty.

3. The administrator surveys were discussed. Survey questions for the deans and chancellor were edited. Edits to the questions for the associate deans and vice chancellor for business and finance will be circulated via email.

4. The response from Scholarships, Awards, and Special Events Committee to Faculty Council’s inquiry regarding the Maize and Blue Distinguished Scholarship Award was discussed. The discussion will continue at the next Faculty Council meeting.

5. The policy inventory was tabled until the next Faculty Council meeting.

6. As a matter arising, an administrative assistant was brought into a faculty committee to serve as secretary without consultation with the committee. Usually, this position would be filled by a faculty committee member. Faculty Council could convene a lunch meeting with new standing committee members to review procedures and responsibilities for new committee members.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05pm