Minutes from the March 23, 2016 Faculty Council Meeting


Absent: A. Dorfman

1. The minutes were approved as amended.

2. AAAC has not met since Spring Break. The last two meetings have been cancelled. No update from CAC/BSP as the committee as not met since the last Faculty Council meeting.

3. The administrator surveys were discussed. C. Douglas and G. Laurence will split the duties in correcting the means and standard deviations, as the option for “no basis for judgement” was erroneously included in these statistics.

4. T. Wrobel gave an overview of the last joint lunch between the chancellor/provost and AAAC/CAC-BSP/Faculty Council. The main agenda item was the communication regarding the new vice chancellors being hired. Other agenda items raised were budget concerns, hiring, space acquisition, and the bias reporting website. The budget shortfall was discussed, then the bias reporting website discussed. The chancellor said that the point of the bias reporting website was to collect data on the campus climate and to provide resources to students being bullied or being subject to microaggressions from other students. The chancellor stated that she thinks there are too many advisors across campus, with the title being redundant and wasteful. The chancellor stated that there is $12 million across the academic units that the deans are sitting on that she could have swept, but did not. The chancellor also stated that she had informed faculty that she had intended to hire the sort of administrators being hired. She expressed frustration that the strategic enrollment management committees have not come up with an enrollment plan despite having a year and-a-half to do so. She stated that the Regents prefer to be informed on campus matters first before these matters are presented to the public. The chancellor discussed the boundaries between the chancellor and faculty. The meeting concluded discussing matters related to trust and communication.

5. The agenda for the next governing faculty meeting was discussed. The agenda will consist of discussion of the administrative surveys, the bias reporting website and University of Chicago freedom of expression resolution, and the CSEF report. Reminders will be sent to faculty standing committee chairs that their reports are due on April 19th. S. Selig stated that she has a conflict with the governing faculty meeting in April. C. Douglas will email Sue Fabbro about moving the meeting back to 3:00pm.

6. H. Wehbe-Alamah gave an update on the bias report website. The committee is consulting with legal and the Ann Arbor campus’s bias reporting website regarding due process for these reports. She stated that the website is for student-to-student issues only and is not to be used for issues involving students and faculty. The website is under construction being populated with resources for the students, an explanation of the purpose of the website, and description of due process for the reports. G. Laurence said that this is the first he has heard that
this is a student-to-student website only. This was not discussed in the Student Concerns Committee with Barbara Avery and Rushika Patel. H. Wehbe-Alamah stated that among the reason the bias reporting website is down to clarify that the fact that the website is only for student-to-student bullying and microagressions.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm