Faculty Council Draft Minutes of March 21, 2018-approved April 4, 2018

Location: 320 TL Library Director’s Conference Room

Present: Matt Wyneken, Adam Lutzker, Tom Hemphill, Chris Douglas, Ricardo Alfaro, Emily Newberry, Judy Haefner, Tom Wrobel, Cathy Miller, Nick Kingsley

Absent: Mickey Doyle, Allon Goldberg

Guests:

Meeting was brought into session at 9:04am

Minutes approved from March 7, 2018

Update on conversation with OGC and Academic HR- Ricardo received an email from Beth Manning stating that Academic HR considers the Code as an official document if it has been approved by the Governing Faculty and the Provost. The Provost must simply make sure that it is in line with the Regents Bylaws and as long as it has been approved by the Governing Faculty, it is a legal document.

Ricardo, Chris, and Emily had a conference call with OGC in which they explored several avenues of granting authority to Flint governance, but OGC took no official position. OGC will research and report to FC. Ricardo also asked OGC to review our current Code to see if it complies with the Regents Bylaws.

Ricardo also asked for their interpretation on whether SACUA can intervene into internal matters of Flint governance. They stated they would also look at this issue.

Gloria Hage from OGC contacted Ricardo regarding reports that had reached their office regarding Ricardo stating OGC taking a specific position on our questions. Ricardo reported that he had not stated that. He will look at CAS draft minutes to verify it accurately reflects what he reported.

Evaluation Results- Faculty Council discussed and agreed that as the Chancellor was not able to come to a Faculty Council meeting, Ricardo should send her a message offering to meet with her at her convenience sometime between March 21 and April 6. Tom Hemphill made a motion: If the Chancellor is unavailable to meet with the entire FC, FC recommends the chair, secretary and past chair meet with the Chancellor to discuss the evaluation results at her convenience before the April 6 Governing Faculty Meeting.

Nick Kingsley seconds. Faculty Council approved the motion.

Code change discussion: Undergraduate Admissions Committee will be modified to advise the VC for Enrollment Management, instead of the Undergraduate and International Directors.
Discussion of Grievance Procedure changes. Not enough people are currently in the pool and there are issues with CAS members being automatically removed and causing a larger burden on the remaining members. Emily proposed doubling the pool, especially if FC begins discussion on the 201.96 Grievance Procedure. Eliminate the contingent pool of people from each school, and instead let the grievant and respondent rank their preferences from those who are on the panel from their school.

Emily also proposes moving 2.04 to the beginning of the procedure so that informal resolution is considered before a grievance is moved to a hearing.

Emily also proposes adding language to make sure that people are notified in a timely manner in certain sections. She will draft language and send it to FC to approve before sending out to Governing Faculty.

Quorum will need to be added back into the Code to allow for votes in a meeting to happen. After discussion, 25% was agreed to be proposed.

**SACUA** - SACUA and the Tri-Campus Task Force are proposing that a specific seat be allotted for both Flint and Dearborn on SACUA going forward. Concerns about workload and lack of consultation about something that would affect the faculty in Flint were raised. Further discussion is needed. FC decided to invite the Senate Representatives to our next meeting on March 28 to discuss more fully.

**AAAC CAC/BSP updates** - AAAC is working on a new academic calendar that will create a longer break after fall semester. AAAC will be addressing the Provost’s lack of attendance at the past few AAAC meetings.

CAC/BSP - Chancellor has not been attending either. She has not been at any meetings during winter semester. She has not been contacting the Chair.

**Governing Faculty meeting in May** - FC reps decided May 10 from 1pm-3pm was best time to schedule May Governing Faculty meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55am

Respectfully submitted
Emily Newberry - Secretary/Chair-Elect