Faculty Council - Minutes of January 23, 2019

Location: 320 TL Library Director’s Conference Room

Present: Ricardo Alfaro (Past Chair), Sy Banerjee, Adam Lutzker, Cathy Miller (CAC/BSP), James Schirmer (Secretary/Chair Elect), DJ Trela

Absent: Aviva Dorfman, Mickey Doyle, Judy Haefner, Nick Kingsley (AAAC), Emily Newberry (Chair), Suzanne Selig

Guests: Shelby Newport

Meeting brought into session at 9:08am

No quorum for approval of minutes of January 9, 2019

Administrative Surveys
Faculty Council read through and updated the administrative evaluation surveys for unit deans and associate deans as well as two vice chancellors and the provost. J. Schirmer will recirculate for council approval at the next meeting.

SPG 601.22
Faculty Council welcomed Shelby Newport and engaged in an extensive Q&A regarding SPG 601.22, a university policy regarding faculty-student relationships. S. Newport provided background on the policy as well as the committee charged with updating it for the first time in over ten years. S. Newport also addressed the narrow exceptions to SPG 601.22, namely if the relationship predates “studentship” and the potential necessity of texting students when advising or attending conferences. However, with this complete ban on romantic relationships between faculty and undergraduate students, S. Newport noted that SPG 601.22 signals a message to the greater community about what UM-Ann Arbor/Dearborn/Flint values. Council members in attendance agreed that the appropriate message is being sent and that the narrow exceptions are reasonable.

CAC/BSP
C. Miller shared that the committee is considering a recommendation that promotion raises be modified as follows:
• For promotion to Associate Professor with tenure, the promotion raise will go from $8,000 to $10,000
• For promotion from Associate Professor to Professor with tenure, the promotion will go from $10,000 to $12,000. Furthermore, CAC/BSP is considering that promotion increments at both ranks be adjusted $200 annually to account for inflation. DJ Trela also noted that the committee deferred action on a new Nursing program and will begin work related to the frame for special revenue agreements, including the clarification of criteria for warranting approval.

Meeting adjourned at 10:34am