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Approved Minutes
Arts and Sciences Faculty Meeting
Thursday, March 26, 2009

Members Present:

Barry Allen, Joshua Almond, Gabriel Barreneche, Pedro Bernal, Gay Biery-Hamilton, Erich Blosssey, Rick Bommelje, Sharon Carnahan, Julie Carrington, Roger Casey, Jennifer Cavenaugh, Julian Chambliss, David Charles, Martha Cheng, Daniel Chong, Ed Cohen, Gloria Cook, Daniel Crozier, Denise Cummings, Mario, D'Amato, Alice Davidson, Don Davison, Joan Davison, Rosana Diaz- Zambrana, Jalh Dulanto, Lewis Duncan, James Eck, Larry Eng-Wilmont, Marty Farkash, Rick Foglesong, Christopher Fuse, Laurel Goj, Elton Graugnard, Yudit Greenberg, Eileen Gregory, Don Griffin, Mike Gunter, Dana Hargrove, Fiona Harper, Paul Harris, Karen Hater, Alicia Homrich, Gordie Howell, Richard James, Jill Jones, Laurie Joyner, Sarah Kistler, Madeline Kovarik, Philip Kozel, Harry Kypraios, Susan Lackman, Tom Larison, Carol Lauer, Christina Lee, Barry Levis, Susan Libby, Dorothy Mays, Edna McClellan, Cecilia McInnis-Bowers, Margret McLaren, Al Moe, Bob Moore, Thom Moore, Ryan Musgrave, Steve Neilson, Rachel Newcomb, Kathryn Norsworthy, Socky O'Sullivan, Rhonda Ovist, Derrick Paladino, Jennifer Queen, Dawn Roe, Don Rogers, Sigmund, Rothschild, Ed Royce, Scott Rubarth, Judy Schmalstig, Eric Schutz, Marie Shafe, Rachel Simmons, John Sinclair, Joe Siry, Bob Smither, Paul Stephenson, Darren Stoub, Kathryn Sutherland, Bill Svitavsky, Lisa Tillmann, Patricia Tome, Gio, Valiante, Larry Van Sickle, Martina Vidovic, Rick Vitray, Tonia Warnecke, Debra Wellman, Yusheng Yao, Jay Yellen, Wenxian Zhang, Sharon Agee,

- I. Call to Order—Davison called the meeting to order at 12:38 PM.

- II. Approval of Minutes—The minutes of the January 29th meeting of the faculty were approved as distributed.

- III. Announcements—Davison announced the presentation on Tuesday, April 7th by the Provost and treasurer to discuss the budget for next year. He also announced the faculty party on April 4th.

- IV. Old Business

None

- V. New Business

A. Governance Elections—Cohen as parliamentarian announced that the elections being held at this time were in violation of the bylaws since two names had not been nominated for president of the faculty and also that the nominees were not presented to the faculty ten days before the election. Davison said that slate was not established until a few days ago. Moore moved to suspend the rules. The motion passed by a 2/3s majority.

1. President of the Faculty: the nominees were Wendy Brandon. Rick Foglesong was nominated from the floor. Foglesong was elected

2. Vice president. Joan Davison had been nominated. O’Sullivan moved to close the nominations and Davison was elected by acclimation.

3. Professional Standards: The nominees included Thom Moore, Strom, Roe, and Almond. Moore and Strom were elected.

4. Student Life Commmttee: The nominees were Boles, Decker, Kistler. Tome was nominated from the floor. Kisler, Boles, and Tome were elected.

5. Academic Affairs: The nominees included Levis, Fuse, Rothschild. Roe and Voicu were nominated from the floor. Levis and Fuse were elected.

6. Finance and Services: The nominees included Skelley, Pestka, Throumoulos, and Warnecke. Skelley withdrew her name from the ballot. Foglesong moved to approve the slate by acclimation. The motion passed.

VI. Reports

A. Interim Dean of Student Affairs—Hater said she would be brief because she will be sending out email covering in more detail the condition of student affairs. Twenty students have been dismissed or suspended this year, which is quite high. Students are usually dismissed for very serious violations. She prefers suspension because we believe that students can be rehabilitated but they need to be separated for time so that they can succeed when they return. There are requirements that certain things must be accomplished before they can return. Students must document that they had completed these requirements. She reported that over seven hundred cases had been filed and over four hundred have been found responsible. Thirty-five cases involved illegal substances. The number of sexual assaults is difficult to ascertain because not all are reported to student affairs but to counseling or other areas where they remain confidential. Only two have been reported although she suspects that there have been from five to eight instances. She suspected that overall the numbers have been higher than

in the past because Student Affairs have been focusing on enforcement. ATO and Chi Psi have both been placed on social probation. The Greek hearing council had found them both guilty. They now cannot host any social events. X-Club also has received sanction. Only TKE has a clean record. Phi Delta are now off campus which makes it harder for the college to keep track of their activities. Sororities have not been found responsible for any violations as organizations. Student Affairs has developed a policy for determining if organizations should keep their residential privileges. All organizations have been asked to develop strategic plans in five years including leadership, community service, and integrity. They have also been asked to give a short presentation to an assessment committee which will evaluate their strategic plans. The board will then evaluate the report along with any violations of the organization as well as individual members, academic record, and the performance of house manager. They will then determine if the organization qualifies for residential housing. Foglesong asked if the college has reported the illegal substance changes to the police. Hater said that she did and that she had approved a number of room searches. When they have found substances, the police are notified. Lairson thanked her for coming before the faculty, but he asked what the report means. He felt disturbed about the number of problems. We are more concerned, he argued, about the branding of the college than the reality. We need to think about the problems of student conduct more systematically. Hater replied that the college is aware of these problem which affect all institutions. With regard to sexual assault, she has established a task force on sexual assault with the idea of educating the community in the same way it does for alcohol and substance abuse. J. Davison asked if other groups that do not have housing go through the same process of reflection and is there the possibility for them to acquire housing to allow their proposals to go forward more effectively.

B. Faculty representation on committees of the Board of Trustees—Davison reported on the proposal from a member of the faculty regarding faculty representation on the board of trustees. The Education Committee has invited regular faculty participation on that committee. The Executive Committee has requested that the invitation be extended to the finance committee as well. What remains is a method to select faculty representatives. He has asked the Finance and Services committee to establish a procedure. Davison wanted to acknowledge Duncan's help in this request.

VII. Adjournment—the meeting was adjourned at 1:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Levis

Secretary