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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2018

In Attendance

Habgood, Kistler, Armenia, Vander Poppen, Student President, Fuse, Almond, Cavenaugh, Mathews, Russell, Tomkunas

Approval of Minutes from 3/29 EC Meeting

Moved: Almond
Seconded: Fuse
Approved by Voice Vote

Announcements

April 19 Faculty Meeting – Agenda will include elections, rFLA 2.0, FEC slate and All Faculty Appeals Committee Elections, Global Initiatives and Diversity Council are Divisional and will take place after the faculty meeting. Singer will deliver Benchmark presentation.

Motion: Electronic vote for committee at-large slots if Fox Day is on 4/19. Also, for ratification of FEC slate, and all faculty appeals slate.

Moved: Almond
Second: Mathews

Business

FEC alternate and Appeals Committee alternate nominations

Kistler: Need a nomination for FEC alternate and appeals committee. EC reached consensus, on candidates.
rFLA 2.0 update

Russell: Results of straw poll shows from sample of 99 responses show strong support for Open Borders model. Themes: Innovation, Identity, Cultural Collisions, Enduring Questions, Environments. Would be fluid in terms of moving themes in and out of curriculum. Important key is that there is a bridge from old curriculum to the new iteration. Courses can be tagged with up to two themes.

Cavenaugh: What do we do with those currently in neighborhoods?

Russell: For Fall of 18 the courses stay the same. For the spring, neighborhood prefixes will be only on upper level courses. What if students in the current system want to move out of their neighborhood? We could tell them they are stuck, or we could allow them freedom at the 200-level. New courses will all be RFLA codes in the schedule.

Learning Management System Decision Committee

Kistler: I propose waiting to select committee members until we know who the new EC and CC are for next year.

Motion: Almond
Second: Habgood
Approved by Voice Vote.

Honor Council Faculty Advisor Nominee

Approve Susan Walsh for Honor Council Advisor

Moved: Habgood
Seconded: Mathews
Passed by Voice Vote

CIO position Discussion

Motion to postpone discussion until next EC meeting.

Moved: Almond
Seconded: Armenia
Approved by Voice Vote
1. Committee Reports
   a. Curriculum Committee

   **Almond:** Will be addressing Education Master’s program; will be looking at changes to English and will be considering an Ethics Minor if appropriate paperwork is submitted; meeting with Grant and Susan to discuss calendar issues surrounding Graduation and Convocation as well as Disaster Contingency Days, Spring Break alignment with Seminole or Orange Public to facilitate childcare for faculty and staff; calendar approval process; SI has proposed changes to major, Almond advocated that changes must come back to CC, CC discussed other programs that have and have not built flexibility in to swap in and out electives, only SWAG has the structure that allows them to move in and out, committee was very divided on the issue, need to build procedure for this kind of alteration. Changes to SI were approved.

   **Vander Poppen:** This isn’t what they proposed. They’ve made changes before the program even goes into effect. Do we need to bring this back to the full faculty for approval since it is essentially a new major?

   **Habgood:** Changes to the major have to go through the committee. It doesn’t matter what the major is, changes need to come through CC.

   **Armenia:** Is the difference here between electives and core classes. Core might need to come before CC, electives, I’m not sure.

   **Almond:** SI has only one required course. Therein lies the problem, everything else is elective. I also see it as a problem that rFLA courses and Topics courses taught infrequently are listed on the major map.

   **Cavenaugh:** The new Registrar may be really helpful here.

   **Russell:** What is tricky here is that our practice is different than our catalog. SWAG is the only program that says specifically that courses tagged with SWAG on schedule can count. Other are following that model, however.

   b. Faculty Affairs Committee

   **Fuse:** We’ve reviewed grants and in particular FITI grants and OER had low application numbers.

   **Habgood:** Is this an advertising problem or a timing problem.

   **Cavenaugh:** The new director of the Endeavor center may be helpful here.

   **Mathews:** The way this meshes with the schedule, perhaps we could have them due in October for the following year. That is a bit of a dead point and also allows for departmental approval of courses associated.

   **Fuse:** We are looking at pathways to move from Lecturer to Sr. Lecturer. This Friday we have colloquium on endowed chairs. We are also working on the
implementation of the philosophy of compensation and guidelines for the administration. Next year course releases, adjuncts, awards, need to be considered as part of total compensation.

Cavenaugh: As an aside, I want to make it known that I have tried to resign my chair and it has not been accepted. I made that pledge when I was hired as Dean, but there has been no movement on a replacement.

Kistler: When are we giving faculty awards that were previously given at graduation? We need to know.

Cavenaugh: It would be at the May faculty meeting.

c. SGA

Tomkunas: Elections were held and we have a new president and vice president. No more senate meetings for this year. No major changes, but desire to change levels of student engagement with SGA.

Habgood: Are there any burning student issues on the horizon?

Tomkunas: The dining hall is going to be a continuing challenge. Also, there is confusion about the tiered-meal plan structure.

Cavenaugh: Will you review the tenure/mid-course language in the bylaws about negative outcomes with regard to who notifies. Can we clarify this?

Kistler: We can put it on the agenda.

Motion to Adjourn
Moved: Vander Poppen
Second: Mathews
Approved by Voice Vote