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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
April 28, 2022

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Homan. Roll was called by Secretary Dave Westenberg. Those whose names are grayed out below were absent.

Lana Alagha, Mary Gillis for Julia Alexander, Venkat Allada, Stuart Baur, Matthew Burmeister, Marco Cavaglia, Jeff Cawfield, Amitava Choudhury, Steve Corns, Kathryn C. Dolan, Mike Hilgers, Mike Moats for William Fahrenholtz, Mahelet Fikru, Darin Finke, Mark Fitch, Michael Gosnell, Sarah Hercula, Kelly Homan, Ali Hurson, Matt Insall, Ulrich Jentschura, Kurt Kosbar, Umit Koylu, K. Krishnamurthy, Bih-Ru Lea, Kelly Liu, Ashok Midha, Parthasakha Neogi, Jorge Porcel, Prakash Reddy, Melissa Ringhausen, Paul Runnion, Chaman Sabharwal, William Schonberg, Sahra Sedigh Sarvestani, Kathleen Sheppard, Jeff Smith, Nancy Stone, Shoaib Usman, Jee Wang, David Westenberg, Daniel Willis, Maciej Zawodniok

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 24 meeting were distributed prior to this meeting.
A motion was made to approve the minutes.
Motion passes.

III. President's Report

Kelly Homan presented and reported that the Intercampus Faculty Cabinet (IFC) met on April 8th. Topics discussed included.

- Defined Benefit Retirement Plan – policy changes.
- Stephanie McClelland – new Chief Online Learning Officer.

The Board of Curators held a meeting on campus April 21.

Other items discussed include,

- Revised Faculty Bylaws
- Evaluation of Teaching – Policy Principles
- Faculty-Staff Climate Survey
- A Direct Admissions Working Group was initiated in coordination with the Provost.
- Graduate, Distance and Continuing education (GDCE) Committee
- Administrative Review Surveys

- Referral for the Dean and Chair Searches
- Graduate Student Bill of Rights

IV. Administrative Reports

A. Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Deghani presented and reported that campus has hosted several successful meetings lately with engaged and involved stakeholders.

Events held included.

- Board of Trustees Meeting
- Miner Alumni Association Board
- S&T Athletics
- Board of Curators meeting
- Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Innovation Lab

Next week the Kummer Institution Foundation Board meets.

The contractor is scheduled for mobilization in early May for the Innovation Lab with a project completion date of October 2023.

B. Provost's Report

Provost Potts presented on three main items, Dean searches, faculty evaluations and the NTT promotion process.

The status of the Dean searches are as follows, Kummer College and College of Arts, Science and Education are in negotiations and the College of Engineering and Computing is waiting for final feedback and recommendations.

Faculty Evaluations have been completed and three departments still need to upload information to MyVita.

The NTT promotion process is unclear on the criteria. A working group has been formed to define expectations and the goal is to have a policy memorandum to clarify the CRR.

V. Campus Reports

A. Staff Council

Megan Fowler presented and wanted to thank those who volunteered to serve on the Staff Excellence Awards Review Committee. The nomination process is open for Staff

Excellence and Newcomer Awards. Staff Council held a successful Earth Day event. The Executive Council met with President Choi and Chancellor Dehghani. Staff day will be held on May 25th with activities in Havener Center. Thanks to Alysha O’Neil and Chancellor Dehghani, the staff who were selected but did not receive an award due to hardships caused by the pandemic will now be awarded.

B. Student Council

Raheemat Rafiu introduced herself as the Student Body Vice-President of Academics.

C. Council of Graduate Students

No report was given.

VI. Special Topic-Information Technology and Computing

Danny Tang presented on the current and future state of IT. Danny presented a biography and detailed how he works. Danny presented an assessment of IT and provided some historical and recent reasons as to why IT is in the current state it is in. For future planning, S&T will be an R1 caliber IT organization whose primary goal is to enable and accelerate the success of the institution, its faculty, staff and students. There are many short term, midterm, and long-term goals and all of it will take time.

VII. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Public Occasions

Sahra Sedigh Sarvestani presented for the Public Occasions Committee (POC). The change to the summer 2022 session includes observing June 20, 2022 as Juneteenth.

A motion was made to change the summer 2022 academic calendar to observe Juneteenth as a university holiday. *Motion passes.*

B. Campus Curricula

Steve Raper presented for the Curriculum Committee (CC). The CC met on April 5 and reviewed 29 course change forms (CC forms), 12 Program Change forms (PC forms), and 1 Experiential Course requests (EC form).

The CC moves that Faculty Senate approve the 29 CC and 12 PC form actions.

Motion passes.

C. Committee for Effective Teaching

Devin Burns presented on behalf of the Committee for Effective Teaching (CET) and discussed the policy for evaluation of teaching that was approved by the CET to be

included in an upcoming Chancellor's Policy. The CET hopes to finalize a proposal before the June faculty senate meeting.

D. Information Technology & Computing

No report.

E. Budgetary Affairs

Mark Fitch presented and reported on the following referrals.

- Kummer Foundation/Institute spending (April)

Continuing referrals:

- Report on the "big picture balance sheet"
- Current and next FY budget

In regard to the Kummer Foundation spending, there are two parts to the gift, operating costs and capital costs.

The operating budget consists of,

- Faculty Positions, \$386k:
- Grad Fellowships, \$827k
- Undergrad Scholarships, \$1200k
- Student ambassadors, \$25k
- Teacher initiative, \$58k
- Outreach, \$307k: high school visits and summer camps
- Marketing, \$606k: funding for annual report, advertise summer camps

The capital costs consist of,

- Kummer Institute administrative
- Center for Excellence in STEM Education Renovation
- ERL addition and renovation
- Arrival District
- Student Experience Center
- Systems Integration and Prototype Development Facility
- Land Acquisition and MME Campus

F. Rules, Procedure & Agenda

Steve Raper held elections for the 2022-2023 academic year.

VIII. Unfinished Business

None

IX. New Business

None

X. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Westenberg, Secretary