

Faculty Assembly Meeting
Monday April 17, 2017
Griggs Center 3:00-4:30
Approved 11/28/17

Molly Harney, Chair, Faculty Council called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM. The Faculty Council meets weekly on Tuesday at 2:00-3:30 and agenda items are always welcome. Please contact Molly Harney at mharney@d.umn.edu for further information. The Faculty Council members in attendance introduced themselves and also who they are representing.

The minutes of November 8, 2016, were approved.

Faculty Council - Molly Harney, Chair

Faculty Council is the voice of the faculty to the administration. Representatives from each college meet alongside representatives from the Research and Scholarship Subcommittee, the Graduate Council, Curriculum Subcommittee, and UEA. The below work groups were established to better use committee time to focus on a broad range of initiatives. The work groups include

- *Communication and Legislative* members of this work group have created avenues to disseminate information from administration and the Faculty Council to faculty. The work group has also developed and engaged in lobbying efforts for our campus. Faculty Council members plan to partner with Staff Council and Student Association members to develop legislative awareness campus wide. Members include Amy Versnik Nowak, Paula Gudmundson, and Molly Harney.
- *Campus Climate* members have reviewed the report from Susana Woodward regarding the perceptions of the climate on campus. Faculty Council members on this work group will partner with others (Staff Council and Student Association members) to discuss challenges for the campus. In addition, the work group will address issues related to faculty such as promotion and tenure, single semester leaves, and the UEA contract. Members include Rebecca de Souza, David Beard, Bedassa Tadesse, Rudy Perrault, Roger Reinsch, Dan Glisczinski, and Molly Harney.
- *Governance* members will review current governance practices to identify what is working well, where there might be improvements, and what is needed for effective communication among all governance groups. Members include Rudy Perrault, Bob Feyen, Roger Reinsch, Evan Brier, Jenna Soleo-Shanks, and Molly Harney.

Committee Reports – Additional information is available from the Faculty Assembly Report

University Coordinating Council - Molly Harney, Chair

Molly reviewed the council membership and the roles and responsibilities of its members. The members recommended a review of the shared governance structure with Chancellor Black accepting this recommendation. The academic calendar was discussed with recommendation to review. The review was put on hold because resources are focused on the Constitution and Bylaw review process as well as the strategic plan update. The Teaching and Learning Committee presented a request to review and recommend changes made to the undergraduate degree requirements, and the final exam policies. The members recommended the policy revisions. The recommendation was forwarded to the EVCAA Delgado for final approval. Members discussed a developing interest in an Academic Forgiveness policy. Dr. Pepper will establish a task force to explore whether a policy should be developed.

Research and Scholarship Subcommittee - David Beard

The members completed the evaluation of the EVCAA R&S grants and notices will be sent by the end of the semester. A meeting is scheduled with the archivist to understand how to comply with the 2015 University of Minnesota policy on Open Access to Scholarly Articles.

Graduate Council - Robert Feyen

The members worked on graduate student recruitment and funding initiatives. The Graduate Council Teaching Fellowships (GCTF) and the Graduate School Summer Fellowships (GSSF) are pilot programs intended as a means to attract higher caliber students and provide a competitive and timely admissions offer. Policy and procedural work include the *incomplete grading* and the implementation of a form or written agreement between the student and instructor as to remaining course requirements that a student must complete satisfactorily in order to remove an “incomplete” grade. The GRAD 999 registration and allowing graduate students to register for GRAD999 without permission from the student’s program or Graduate School. The members are also preparing for the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) visit to campus. An Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award was proposed and approved to begin with the 2017-2018 academic year.

UEA – Rudy Perrault

The UEA Negotiation Team has held listening sessions in advance of the contract negotiations. A google survey was distributed please complete the survey and include any items you wish to be considered.

Information Sharing

Faculty Council website – Molly reviewed the contents of the Faculty Council website and encouraged all in attendance to provide her any feedback concerning the format or content.

UMD Assessment Subcommittee report - Eric Hessler

Eric gave a review of the [Assessment Report](#) and encouraged the assembly to read the good work of the subcommittee.

Department Merger-Jill Doeffler

There are some department mergers occurring in the College of Liberal Arts one of which is the Writing Studies and English.

Griggs Center – Molly Harney

Listening to the voices of faculty and staff indicating a need for meeting space, Griggs Center is reserved every Tuesday and Thursday from 10-11:30 am. Select Wednesdays are reserved from 11-1:00 p.m. to have conversation with administration. The schedule will be posted on the master governance calendar and a message will be sent to campus as well.

Elections: Student Educational Experiences – Molly Harney

The Student Educational Experiences Committee has three faculty representative seats available. These positions have not gone through a collegiate election process so it’s uncertain how they are filled. If you wish to volunteer for these positions please contact me. In the future, the hope is to use an election process.

Discussion

Shared Governance Review - Molly Harney

Molly discussed the work of the Shared Governance Review Task Force and progress to date along with the timeline. Currently the task force is reviewing preliminary feedback received from governance members and the chairs will meet with Jen Mencl to discuss the relationship with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). There are upcoming campus presentations scheduled in Griggs Center and the Kirby Ballroom to share the work of the task force as well as answer any questions of the campus community. Molly encouraged all to attend or contact her if there are any questions.

Adjourned at 4:30 p.m. Wendy J. Larrivy