

**UMD Faculty Council**  
**Tuesday, August 18, 2015**  
**Approved on September 04, 2015**

**Members Present:** Paula Gudmundson, Jennifer Webb, Robert Lloyd, Molly Harney, Roger Reinsch, Evan Brier, Marcus Seigar.

**Members Absent:** Aydin Durgunoglu, Sheryl Grana, John Hamlin, Bedassa Tadesse, Steve Mathews, Rudy Perrault, Bruce Peckham.

**Meeting called to order:** 11:05AM

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes for July 28, 2015- Jennifer Webb moved, Bob Llyod 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor. Minutes were approved with correction to add Bruce Pekham's name to members present and the correction to the name of the member, Paula, who seconded the July 28, 2015 minutes.

**Old Business:**

- 1. Report on survey of UMD Leadership-** Faculty Council would like to send the survey out to all faculty. Vote taken, Jennifer Webb motioned, Bob Lloyd 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the leadership report with some grammatical changes and an additional sentence added. There was discussion about having surveys periodically sent out asking faculty what questions they would like to see on the survey. All were in favor, motioned passed.
- 2. Division of faculty council duties-** Discussion regarding fall faculty council duties included electing a vice chair. It was agreed that the council would wait for a larger forum before nominating a vice chair. Dr. Seigar will send out an email to faculty council regarding the upcoming nomination.
- 3. Faculty welcome breakfast-** Dr. Webb reported that 168 people have RSVP'd with 35 not attending and others who have no yet responded. There was discussion regarding the welcome breakfast program.

## **New Business:**

### **1. Teaching and Learning Center:**

The council discussed the new proposed Teaching and Learning Center, formally IDS, will have a teaching and learning committee,. There will be subset of faculty council meeting with the teaching and learning committee and VCAA Andrea Schokker. Jennifer Webb and Marc Seigar are both interested in serving on the TLC committee.

### **2. Meeting times for fall semester:**

Meetings for the upcoming fall semester 2015 will be on Fridays 12:00pm-1:30pm. The next faculty council meeting is set for Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup> in EduE 142. Weekly meetings will take place in this room.

### **3. Faculty Assembly Meetings:**

The faculty council discussed having a full faculty assembly meeting prior to President Kaler's visit in October. Assembly meetings will replace the faculty council meeting for that week. There will be two scheduled for the fall semester; one in September and one in December. Marc Seigar will email faculty council with dates. There was discussion of having Amy Phoenix assist in the upcoming assembly meeting in an effort to prepare for President Kaler's visit. The faculty Council will need all council reports for the upcoming assembly.

Meeting adjourned at 12:36 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

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