

Faculty Senate  
Tuesday September 12, 2017  
3:00-4:30 Griggs Center  
Approved 9/26/2017

Attendees: Joseph Bauerkemper, Fernando Delegado, Robert Feyen, Dan Glisczinski, Paula Gudmundson, Molly Harney, Daniel Hsiao, Richard Maclin, Amy Versnik-Nowak, Rudy Perrault, Jamie Ratliff, Roger Reinsch, Pat Schoff, Jenna Soleo Shanks, Rebecca de Souza,  
Absent: Hongyi Chen

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. and the minutes of August 29, 2017, were approved with updates to the meeting attendance.

### **Senate Chair Reports**

The chair reported the Author's event scheduled for fall semester is moved to spring. Please inform your constituents of this change and encourage attendance.

Roger Reinsch will serve as the faculty representative on the Campus Climate Leadership Team.

Principles of Statistics DSST examination. This item originated from Bruce Peckam via the Registrar's Office and concerns the acceptance and appropriateness of external exams for credit. The question of whether we are being asked to accept exams for credit (possibly as an elective) was sent to Andrea Schokker, Interim Dean, Swenson College of Science and Engineering for review. The chair will provide updates as available.

Homecoming – The chair is meeting with Matt Duffy to explore opportunities to get faculty and staff more active in the homecoming week of October 18. A faculty member indicated a college event that will feature students and faculty. Members were asked to share any scheduled faculty activities with the chair.

### **Committee Reports**

*Research Scholarship and Creative Activities*, Pat Schoff (representative). The subcommittee met and brainstormed potential agenda items for the upcoming academic year.

*Graduate Programs Committee*, Bob Feyen. The committee met last Friday and discussed the graduate programs, course proposals, and upcoming activities. Graduate students are encouraged to be involved with Grad Talks, a presentation held once a month in a formal setting that is available to any college. Contact Kim Habig (khabig@d.umn.edu or extension 7523) for additional information and questions relating to advertising on the calendar.

*UEA*, Rudy Perrault. Meetings were held through the summer and fall. Weekly meetings held in conjunction with the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) are scheduled on Thursdays from 1:00-2:30 in Griggs Center and will focus on various topics. These are announced through UMD business announcements. Upcoming meetings include the council meeting on September 21 and the general meeting October 12. Rudy attended the Board of Regents meeting and met with the chair of the system Faculty Senate to explore common ground with UMD governance. The chair stated she previously met with Vicki Courtney, Director of the University Senate Office, on the Minneapolis campus to discuss possible partnering with UMD governance.

While faculty does not fit within the structure of the University Senate, there may be ways to partner. The system wide strategic plan may be an entry to explore partnerships. Rudy indicated collective bargaining should not be a roadblock. The senate and Board of Regents meetings held in the twin cities are open meetings.

*Liberal Education Subcommittee*, Jaime Ratliff. The subcommittee has discussed the revised charge, and leadership elections. The chair is also a representative for the Curriculum Subcommittee and the Teaching and Learning Committee. Jennifer Mencl will be presenting on teaching within the liberal education program and also will hold sessions concerning assessment data gathered and how to move forward with these responsibilities.

*Curriculum Subcommittee*, Dan Gliszinski. The subcommittee met last Wednesday. Dan was elected chair and the Associate Vice Chancellor for Undergraduate Education made a recommendation to consider changing the charge of the subcommittee to focus more on campus wide course proposals as an active campus wide curriculum review committee. In addition, EVCAA Fernando Delegado explained that with his personal institutional experience administration has a body of faculty that comments on the shared governance process. The current process reflects Fernando as final authority with curriculum. He would like to empower the Curriculum Subcommittee to submit curriculum recommendations. Campus curriculum is not a proposal review process, but rather per a per college review by the college curriculum chair. Jennifer Mencl will be joining the Faculty Senate meeting to discuss this issue with framework.

Dan informed the senate members he experienced confusion on whose responsibility it is to set the agenda for the new academic year if the committee or subcommittee does not have a current chair. If elections for leadership occur in the spring, this should ensure a smooth transition.

*University Coordinating Council (UCC)*, Molly Harney. The UCC has not met.  
Chancellor's Leadership Council:

- 1) Lynne Williams, Director of University Marketing & Public Relations, discussed the current communications process with UMD biz, Salesforce, Google, etc. and not everyone is being reached. How is internal communication working for the Faculty Senate members; please review the communications grid document located in the shared folder. Molly will forward feedback to Lynne Williams.
- 2) Should a joint awards ceremony with faculty and staff occur this year rather than the separate ceremonies experienced last year? Members indicated support of one joint awards ceremony and also stated to include additional recognition for those who have over 25 years of service.

### **Unfinished Business and General Orders**

Sexual Misconduct Policies. The chair asked for feedback concerning the sexual misconduct policy documents located in the shared google folder. Because this feedback may be personal please email the chair with any comments.

Workgroups – please sign up for a workgroup on the document located in the google folder.

### **New Business**

May 2017 Constitution and Bylaws. Members provided feedback concerning the document voting process as well as the timing of the vote (during finals week, multiple emails, process). The chair stated the Constitution was not approved while the Bylaws were approved and are in effect. This feedback will be provided to the UCC as well as adding a possible voting time period in the Constitution.

*Online Education Discussion, EVCAA Fernando Delegado*

Discussion at previous Faculty Senate meetings indicated a directive given by the Council of Deans to increase the courses taught on line by spring 2018. The reporting of this issue was incorrect. EVCAA Fernando Delegado provided the memo he sent to the Council of Deans titled classroom utilization for additional information concerning this topic. The content indicates the need to solve for space by allowing for additional online education. The EVCAA again stated he is available to address any faculty questions or concerns.

There is a new form available for online courses. The purpose of this form is to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and teaching requirements. The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) requires justification of the online course. There are clear descriptions of what it means to be face-to-face and what it means to be online. Face-to-face learning is subjected to rigorous definitions.

VI. Adjourn 4:30 p.m.