College of Education

Minutes, Senate Meeting

Friday, February 19, 2015

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Present: Ellen Fabian, Chair (CHSE), Donald J. Bolger (Chair-Elect, HDQM), Susan Hendricks (TLPL), Julie Park (CHSE), Jeff Macswan (At Large), Tracy Sweet (HDQM), Paula Beckman (CHSE), Robert Marcus (HDQM), Valerie Foster (Admin Prof Rep Non Exempt), Olivia Saracho (TLPL)

Absent: Donna Wiseman (Dean), Robin Walukons (Admin Prof Rep Exempt), Daniel Levin (TLPL), Blesilda Lim (At Large, Admin Prof Representative Exempt), Kalia Patricio (TLPL Graduate Rep), Ana Taboada Barber (CHSE), Lucas Butler (HDQM), Alanna Rothman (Undergraduate Rep, TLPL), Lara Hodak (Undergraduate Rep, TLPL), Christina Winkler (Graduate Rep, CHSE)

The meeting was called to order by COE Senate Chair, Ellen Fabian

I. Review and approval of minutes of January 29, 2016. Minutes were approved.

II. Dean’s Update- Provided by Ellen Fabian
- The College of Education’s goal is to raise $14 million.
- The University plans to raise $1.4 billion.
- It was shared at the Counsel of Chairs meeting that the e-mail systems on campus will change from Microsoft to Google, which will consolidate over 40 e-mail systems into one. Although the original date for consolidation was March 1st, it will now take place in waves, and will likely occur in the late spring, summer, or fall for the College.

III. COE Assembly-Tentative Agenda
- The Steering Committee met to discuss devoting the College Assembly to diversity issues in the College, but was unable to reach a consensus about how to proceed.
- The purpose of the event is for faculty to develop awareness about multicultural issues in education, and to have an opportunity to discuss and ask questions about best practices for promoting multiculturalism.
- Dr. Fabian suggested moving ahead with the Assembly on diversity and inclusion, and recommended inviting specific members of the faculty and students to be a part of a panel. The following individuals were considered for the panel: Mary Ann Hoffman, Kumea Shorter-Gooden, Molly Morin, and Alice Cook. She asked for a sense of the senate as whether we should go forward or delay the event.
Olivia Saracho was concerned about being able to plan the Assembly by March 4th.

Donald Bolger noted that free speech can be viewed as aggression when discussing multicultural issues, and was uncertain of how this topic should be addressed at the Assembly. He also wished to know how to address diversity issues in the classroom to include all students, particularly when only a small number of minority students are present. He stated that he would like the Assembly to inform faculty and staff about ways to include diversity issues into the classroom.

Julie Park recommended that the Senate ask Roger Worthington to facilitate the panel because he was head of diversity at a previous university.

Jeff Macswan shared that he does not feel the College faculty and staff are representative of the student body or the surrounding community. He suggested a focus on recruiting more students and faculty of color.

The Senate came to the consensus that we should go forward with the Assembly and hold a panel to answer questions that is facilitated by Roger Worthington. The panel will last for 1 hour, and will focus on answering the following questions: What are the issues around diversity within the stakeholder group you represent? What are 1 or 2 recommendations that you have or would like to see the college follow up on around this diversity initiative?

IV. Awards Committee

The committee has been formed and is preparing to send out nominations.

V. New Business

The Campus Senate did not approve the College’s Plan of Organization. The next senate meeting will dedicate time to address the recommended changes from the Campus Senate.

Members of the Senate wondered when the search for a new Dean would begin, and recommended beginning the search process soon.