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Faculty Senate Minutes, Academic Year 2017-2018, November 16, 2017

Faculty Senate
I. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda. Golland called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. The draft agenda was approved without objection.

II. Administration Updates
   A. Leadership Academy (Vendrely; see attachment 1)
      - The academy will begin Spring 2018. Participants will not be compensated for time. Participants work out availability details with appropriate supervisors.
   B. Curriculum Requests Tracking System - Curriculog (Sexton; see attachment 2)
      - Demonstration of software. Handout has web links for faculty to view examples for other institutions.
   C. Pre-requisite checking (Sexton)
      - Programs will receive spreadsheet to verify pre-requisites. Asking for faculty to check pre-requisites are correct in the catalog. Identify Fall/Spring/Summer only courses. Plan to turn on the checker for Spring 2018.
      - Issues with software checking for undergraduate courses prior to graduate level work.

III. Presentations and Other Senate Reports
A. Center for Active Engagement and Scholarship (Ziaee)
   • Support for teaching includes: review online and onsite courses, Blackboard supports, workshops
   • Provide mentoring programs for publication and grant writing
   • Recognize and showcase excellence in teaching
   • Discussion ensued.

B. Student Senate Update (Moody)
   • Working on engagement of student body.
   • Gubernatorial Forum has been tabled.
   • Policy 21 draft has been sent to IPC. Latin Honors recommendation: Cum Laude 3.65-3.83, Magna Cum Laude 3.84-3.93, Summa Cum Laude 3.94-4.0; raise minimum number of required course hours to 45 at GSU to qualify.

IV. Old Business
A. Approval of Previous Minutes. Muhammad moved. Wadhwa seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
B. Faculty Wellness (Mohanty)
   • Resolution calling for a task force on promoting and embracing diversity in faculty goals and aspirations.
   • Mohanty moves for Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Wellness; Ermasova seconded. Discussion ensued.
   • Amendments to the resolution include: 1) Faculty Senate capitalized and 2) Senator Wadhwa volunteered and was added to membership.
   • Motion carried unanimously (see attachment 3).

V. Reports
A. President
   • Faculty Senate Student Scholarships. Faculty Senate cannot use state funds for scholarships. VP Davis created a fund for scholarships. Senate passed around Campus Community Campaign forms with donation box available for the scholarship.
   • Faculty Senate Appointments. Moved and seconded by Executive Committee. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously (see attachment 4).
   • Administrative Policy Approval Protocol; Moved seconded by Executive Committee.
   • Clarification of understanding (Specifically a non-Academic unit with Student Affairs).
   • Kresse moved. Boland-Prom seconded. Motion carried unanimously (see attachment 5).
B. Senate Committees
   1. APRC (Wadhwa; see attachment 6). New forms are available and the website will contain examples.
2. UCC (Parin; by email) Hybrid syllabus format will be located on the website; new syllabus should adhere to the updated format; need to demonstrate 45 contact hours per three-credit course.

3. IPC (Boland-Prom) Regarding the faculty search policy, no response from HR. Boland-Prom reports the Provost saw this as procedural and not a policy. Faculty Search Policy Resolution was moved and seconded by Senate members of IPC. Without objection, further consideration of the matter was postponed until the next meeting of the Senate.

4. General Education Council (Zell). Amendment to the resolution regarding the establishment of a general Education council. Moved and seconded by General Education Council. Motion carried unanimously (see attachment 7).

5. SEI Task Force (Mohanty). Task Force will provide recommendations for the December 7th Executive Committee Meeting.

C. Bargaining Unit. Writing Intensive Course grievance will be filed; Uncertain where list of WICs is or if anyone has collected such a list; Another budget issue likely.

VI. Adjournment. Golland adjourned the meeting at 3:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne Goode, Acting Secretary