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**Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
September 20, 2012 1:00-3:00 PM
D1496**

Senators in Attendance:

X	E. Alozie (AL/CAS)	X	O. Ijose (CBPA)	X	B. Parin (AL/CAS)*
X	K. Boland-Prom (CHHS)		R. James (CHHS)	X	V. Person (COE)
X	Y. Brown (CAS)	X	E. Johnson (CAS)	X	A. Tamulis (CAS)*
X	D. Cortese (CAS)*	X	V. Jones (CAS)	X	F. Tian (CBPA)*
X	E. Essex (CHHS)*	X	M. Kasik (COE)	X	C. Tymkow (CHHS)
		X	J. Klomes (COE)*	X	R. Washington (CHHS)*
X	L. Geller (UL)*		C. Luo (CBPA)	X	B. Wilson (CAS)
X	D. Hechenberger (AL/COE)	X	R. Muhammad (AL/CAS)*	X	B. Winicki (COE)*

* = Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Guests: T. Allison, A. Latham, J. Small, A. Vendrely, K. Morris, J. Zingsheim, D. Rhea, J. W. Shin

1. Call to Order at 1:05 p.m. by Faculty Senate President Muhammad with quorum established. Agenda approved by unanimous voice vote with no additional items.
2. Administrative Reports:

Associate Provost Latham:

Associate Provost Latham reported that, regarding bringing vendors to campus for SEIs, there is a longer timeline than anticipated. RFP must go out first, per state regulations. The E-Portfolio Committee met yesterday (Sept. 19) and had a productive first meeting. The UPC also has met to begin work on division criteria revisions. A senator asked if the SEI changes require UPI involvement. Provost Allison stated that the contract does not specify an instrument. He added that the procurement process in Illinois does not allow for informal presentations by vendors.

3. *Provost Allison:*

Provost Allison stated that a search committee for Dean of Library has been named and may start work as soon as tomorrow (Sept. 21). Provost Allison then addressed the fact that the new university catalog does not include course prerequisites. He noted that the new Colleague system will allow the automatic screening for prerequisites, but that many of the existing prerequisites statements are not a good fit for new system. There was a brief discussion of the need to make course requirements clear to anyone who might be interested in a course.

4. *Campus Community Campaign:*

Jacquelyn Small began her presentation by noting that one can choose how to direct the gift/contribution and that it is useful to be able to tell potential donors that the faculty believe in the university. The theme this year is “magic.”

5. *Follett GSU Bookstore:*

Rose Signore introduced herself as the course materials manager and explained her role in the bookstore. She stated that the orders for next semester are due Oct. 15, which will allow for getting enough used books. She also noted that the rental option is very popular now. There was a brief discussion of course packs, and Linda Geller addressed the library’s ability to help with copyright, durable links, etc. She noted that single copies of textbooks can be put on reserve in the library.

6. *General Education Task Force:*

Ann Vendrely provided a Power Point presentation on the General Education Task Force’s proposal. She noted that the Task Force had a diverse membership, with two members from each college, and that they took a “big picture” view of general education. The focus was, What should students be able to do throughout four years? The Task Force embraced the concept of learning communities/cohorts. Included in the proposed program are: (1) 12 semester hours of cohort-based coursework during each semester of first year; (2) 9 semester hours of cohort-based coursework during the fall of second year; (3) an additional course for those students who have not selected a major; (4) fall of third/junior year, an introduction to the major course to support integration of transfer students; (4) capstone course and portfolios to monitor learning outcomes; (5) high-impact teaching practices.

There was a discussion of the cohort themes. Dr. Vendrely noted that themes will provide a common sense of purpose. She stated that no theme has been selected; an opportunity for faculty input is needed to clarify the themes. Coursework will need to satisfy IAA requirements as well as address the specified themes.

Follow-up discussion focused on satisfying prerequisites for majors, plans for summer terms, and the number of new courses that must be developed.

Cortese moved that the Faculty Senate formally request that the General Education Task Force continue its work. Hechenberger seconded. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

A senator asked about an open comment period during which faculty members can provide input. Dr. Vendrely stated that there is a Blackboard site, and that she could find other ways for electronic input from faculty. She noted that there is an all-day workshop scheduled for October 19. Cortese moved that an open comment period be established by the General Education Task Force. Hechenberger seconded. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

7. Approval of August Faculty Senate meeting minutes:

Kasik moved to approve the minutes; Tamulis seconded. The minutes were approved by voice vote (unanimous except for four abstentions).

8. Faculty Reports:

- *Educational Policy Committee*: Essex reported that EPC is working on English Language Competence and Research Misconduct policies.
- *IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee*: Senate President Muhammad reported that a written report had been received from Shekib and that Shekib will be returning from medical leave soon.
- *University Curriculum Committee*: Parin announced that the catalog change submission deadline is Oct 5. She asked that all programs look at the prerequisite sequences and check for accuracy and clarity.
- *Academic Program Review Committee*: Winicki read a brief written report from Gandy, "APRC met on September 13, and we welcomed new member Jennifer Groebner. We approved the request from Early Childhood for a BA without teaching certificate. No other requests have been received."
- *Graduate Studies Council*: Tymkow reported that Policy 16 Graduate Studies Policy had returned to the Graduate Studies Council for a minor change regarding minimum number of credits for admission to graduate programs. The policy will be returned to EPC. The Graduate Studies Council is also continuing its discussion of graduate assistants, and there will be opportunities for input from faculty members and others regarding this.

Provost Allison and Associate Provost Latham left the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

- *Executive Committee*: Faculty Senate President Muhammad announced that there will be a run-off election for the remaining At Large Faculty Senate seat. Drs. Sandra Gandy and Joseph Day are running for the seat. Muhammad then asked for confirmation of the following additions to committees:
 - UCC-- Carlos Ferran (CBPA); David Golland (CAS); Glenna Howell (COE); Judy Berglund (At Large, CHHS)
 - EPC -- Elizabeth Johnson (CAS); Lorenzo Flores (COE); Darrin Aase (CHHS); Catherine Tymkow (At Large, CHHS)

- UPC: Coldren (CAS) and Klomes (COE)
- Academic Program Elimination: Michel Nguessan (UL)
- Graduate Studies Council: Catherine Tymkow will continue as the Faculty Senate representative.

A question was raised regarding Dr. Coldren's status, and Faculty Senate President Muhammad stated that she would obtain a clarification on that. (See note below.) All other new committee members were confirmed by unanimous voice vote of the Faculty Senate.

- *Bargaining Unit:* Faculty Senate President Muhammad announced that UPI President Ruiz has notified her that she will not automatically attend the Senate meetings. There was a discussion about the need for UPI to be represented so that there is communication and appropriate shared governance. Klomes moved that the president of UPI or her designee be offered a standing invitation to attend every Faculty Senate meeting; seconded by Alozie. After a brief discussion, the question was called and was approved by unanimous voice vote.

9. Executive Session

The Faculty Senate moved to Executive Session at 2:30 p.m. All non-senators left the meeting.

The discussion focused on recommendations from the consultant's report. The language of some recommendations was edited. A task force will work on those recommendations that were tabled.

At 3:00 p.m. Senator Washington moved to extend the Senate meeting by 15 minutes; Hechenberger seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment at 3:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 18, 2012 in D1496.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Winicki
Faculty Senate Secretary

Note: Dr. Coldren's eligibility for UPC was verified, and his membership on the committee was confirmed via email by a majority of Faculty Senate members by September 25, 2012.