

Faculty Senate Executive Board
Dec. 1, 2016 – 3:30 pm, Souris Room – MSU student center
Agenda

Present: Christopher Keller, Steve Shirley, Zeni Shabani, Linda Cresap, Laurie Geller, Susan Podrygula, Linda Olson, Andy Bertsch, Lesley Magnus

Meeting called to order at 3:30 pm by President Zeni

Approval of minutes from Oct 27, 2016; *Motion Keller/Cresap, moved.*

New Business

1. Academic policies charge unresolved- Linda Olson
 - For two years the committee has recommended that the standing charge of this committee should be as follows: *To examine annually specific academic policies as set forth in the undergraduate and/or graduate catalogs or as directed by the Faculty Senate President and make policy recommendations to the Faculty Senate. The Senate President will determine whether specific issues need full Senate discussion before being sent to the Academic Policies Committee*
 - This needs to be sent to the Constitutional Review Committee for checking language and then bring back to Senate for a Bylaw change vote.
2. Graduation Celebration social and academia – Linda Cresap
 - Please inform Deans and Chairs of the Fall celebration
 - Faculty did not know much about the celebration. Were the Academia aware of the preparations for this celebration? Were they involved in the planning or arrangements? Is this something that might be ongoing annually? If so, could Academia be involved? Is the Commencement Committee involved in this event?
 - It was in the Public Information announcement on Nov 21.
 - The celebrations were cancelled because of the weather. Unsure if this will be rescheduled. President Zeni will contact Linda Bertsch to see if this will be rescheduled and what might happen in the future.
3. Curriculum meetings for the January month- Linda Cresap
 - Might need to add a meeting on Feb 14; cancel meeting on Feb 28.
 - May have to waive the 10-day rule but items will get to the catalog deadline
4. Academic Hall of Fame- President Zeni
 - Terry Eckmann was filling in for retirement of Cheryl Gilson. Terry will step down. President Zeni filled the committee with Patrick Schwab.
 - Committee needs to meet and pick a Chair
 - The committee would like to have an Academic Hall of Fame display/area in the library. The library has agreed and found a space. The start-up of the display needs to have a budget. The committee needs to address how to get a budget. President Zeni to remind committee that the library has agreed to allotment of space and the committee could/should work on getting a budget for the start-up display. In addition, the web page should be updated.

5. Faculty Satisfaction Survey- President Zeni
 - Committee meets tomorrow to finalize the report for presentation to Faculty Senate
 - Qualitative analysis will be added when Harry Hoffman has it completed. Should have it out by Monday, Dec 5.

6. Standard for good academic standing for Freshman and Sophomores – Chris Keller
 - Provisionally admitted students need a success plan to be enrolled
 - Freshman need to have a GPA of 1.5 to be considered in good academic standing. Moves to a 1.75 after they have attempted 24 SH when the standard moves to 2.0 for 59 SH.
 - Financial aid requires a 2.0 GPA
 - Should all students have the same considerations for good academic standing?
 - Discussion ensued on success rates and why policy is as such. This is an advising concern. Retention issues are possible.
 - Discussion of this issue should occur at Faculty Senate with a possibility of Referring to Academic Policies to see what the trends are at other institutions and advise on how the University Wide policy should read.

Note: Lesley Magnus will not be in attendance at the next FS meeting. Connie Geyer will be in attendance to take minutes.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:21 pm

Respectfully Submitted by
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