

Faculty Senate Meeting  
Thursday, January 31, 2013  
3:30, Library 209 A&B

Dr. Lehr called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and explained that Dr. Fergeson would be late because of a conflicting meeting. The following members were present:

Dr. Lee Bidwell	Dr. Mark Lukas	Dr. Jeannine Perry
Dr. David Buckalew	Dr. David Magill	Dr. Lissa Power-deFur
Dr. Theresa Clark	Dr. Ruth Meese	Dr. Melissa Rhoten
Mr. Ken Copeland	Mr. Mike Mergen	Dr. Leah Shilling-Traina
Dr. Melody Eaton'	Dr. Jo Morrison	Dr. Chris Swanson
Dr. Jackie Hall	Ms. Suzy Palmer	Dr. Derek Taylor
Dr. Naomi Johnson	Ms. Tatiana Pashkova-	Dr. William Thomson
Dr. Linda Lau	Balkenhol	Dr. Linda Wright
Dr. David Locascio	Dr. Ken Perkins	Dr. Lara Fergeson

Members not present were Dr. Paul Barrett, Dr. Stephanie Buchert, Dr. Alix Fink, Dr. Joe Garcia, Dr. Lily Goetz, Dr. Gene Muto, Dr. Tim Pierson, Dr. Charles Ross, Dr. Kim Stern, Dr. Wayne White, Ms. Heather Monger. Others present were Ms. Joanna Baker, Ms. Cynthia Crews, Ms. Penny Howard, Ms. Virginia Kinman, Dr. Mark Lenker, Dr. Vicki Martin, Ms. Sharon Menegoni, Ms. Tracy Nelson, Ms. Kim Redford, Dr. Charles White.

The minutes for the Senate meeting on December 10, 2012, were approved as posted.

Dr. Lehr called on Ms. Howard and Ms. Redford for a report from Information Technology on the changes that have taken place and those scheduled for the future. They talked about the establishment of regular maintenance windows based on times convenient to users; the move of instructional technology and Mr. Billy Tucker to the DEC and the College of Graduate and Professional Studies; the effort to push out updates monthly for Internet Explorer, Firefox, Adobe Flash and Adobe Reader, iTunes, and Shockwave. This will not apply to Java or Chrome, although individuals can update Chrome themselves without administrative rights. The campus is also moving to Windows 7 and Office 2010 although the transition will be gradual because that change must be installed by Information Technology personnel. In addition, by May 16 the Campus will move from Blackboard to a new LMS (learning management system), Canvas. Information currently on Blackboard will be moved in a folder to Canvas. There will be ample training and support for faculty as this process moves forward. President Connelly will send the official launch email for moving to Canvas, and additional emails on the schedule and training will come from the DEC shortly thereafter.

Dr. Fergeson took the chair and thanked the College of Business and Economics for the snacks. She called on Ms. Menegoni for a report from EPC. She talked about three program changes she knew were currently in the pipeline: a certification in supply chain management from CBE; a business minor; a concentration in nursing for an RN-BSN. There is a nation-wide push to make sure that RNs have a Bachelor's degree, and this program would be for RNs who earned their licenses without that degree.

Dr. Fergeson recognized Dr. Lenker who gave a report of the work of the Finance and Planning Committee. The committee has been working with others to develop a budgeting process that integrates assessment, planning, and budgeting wherein the results posted in Weave online and

department goals would feed the planning process. Each November the Vice Presidents would present priorities informed by assessment data, strategic initiatives, and projections of resources. From January to March a Planning Council co-chaired by the Vice President for Administration and Finance and the chair of the Senate Finance and Planning Committee would review those recommendations and establish a university-wide set of priorities for funding. This list of priorities, called the Lancer Plan, will be forwarded to the president and disseminated to the campus community.

The process is much more structured than it has been in the past, there is more faculty involvement, and what is of critical importance is that the process is tied to assessment and to departmental needs to meet the goals they have established. Its implication for the Senate is that in order to keep the size of the working groups reasonable the Senate's committee should be reduced from five members to three, which would still give the faculty committee 1/5 of the seats on the Council.

Mr. Copeland added that in order to avoid hasty spending of year-end money, there is now a review of the student count after each add-drop period so that extra money that may be available can be spent to meet thought-out needs.

Dr. Ferguson made two announcements: the establishment of a Friday night graduation ceremony for the graduate program before the undergraduate ceremony on Saturday; the new faculty awards established in 2008 that will be given for the first time in the next year. Dr. Taylor reported briefly on the Presidential search, saying that in the next 15 days the committee would be interviewing up to 10 candidates.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Susan May