Faculty Senate Minutes: April 21 2016

Meeting called to order by Giovanna Follo at 3:31 pm

Faculty Members Present: James Adabor, Kelly Battles, David Benson, Cindy Berelsman, Mindy Bettinger, Dennis Bulen, Joe Cavanaugh, Chuck Ciampaglio, Angie Clayton, Mark Cubberley, Dane Daniel, Megan Faragher, Giovanna Follo, Mindy Fulks, Dave Hochstein, Diane Huelskamp, Stephen Jacquemin, Christine Junker, Steven Pedler, Teresa Richter, Sharon Showman, Michelle Smith, Joshua Stomel, Nate Tymes, David Wilson, Doni Wulandana

Faculty Members Unable to Attend due to Professional Responsibilities: Betsy Crites, Liane Muhlenkamp, Courtney Simons, Guy Vandegrift

Other Individuals Present: Dean Jay Albayyari, Tyler Pottkotter

Dean’s Report

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Lake Campus Research Symposium, and to Dr. Jacquemin for overseeing its organization. The University’s Vice President of Research & Undergraduate Studies visited, and was very impressed by the quality of presentations. We should strive to make this an annual event.

We’re in the final phase of creating requirements for the ag center building before approaching an architect. The hope remains to break ground for the facility in the fall of 2017.

$3.5 million has been secured for facilities expansion, which will provide some badly-needed additional building space. Ground-breaking will likely begin several months after that for the ag center.

No decisions have yet been made regarding the status of the university’s budget—further meetings will be held during the upcoming weeks.

Approval of Minutes

Dane Daniel moved to approve the minutes from the March meeting, Joe Cavanaugh seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Unit Reports

Math/Science Engineering: (Chuck Ciampaglio) The unit will have its first meeting in August regarding scheduling for the Spring of 2017

Business/Technology/Nursing: (Joe Cavanaugh) Unit will be meeting in the fall, date TBD.

Humanities & Social Sciences: (David Wilson) Likewise, except our meetings will be cooler because we’ll be holding them at a pub. Probably.
Committee Reports

Academic Affairs/Curriculum: Noting to report.

Faculty Affairs: Noting to report.

Petitions: (Steven Pedler, reporting for Guy Vandegrift) One petition was presented to the University petitions committee in March. The committee members at Lake universally voted to approve the petition, that ruling was approved by the full committee.

Budget and Long-Range Planning: Crickets….

Outreach: (Dane Daniel) The Cinco de Mayo night was held, with approximately 75 people in attendance—thanks to everyone who participated in the planning and organization.

Technology & Library: (Teresa Richter) Materials that faculty members requested last month have been ordered; keep in mind that this program will, we hope, be available in future years as well, as we work on building up the Library’s holdings.

Governance & Bylaws: (Stephen Jacquemin) Elections for the officer positions for the upcoming academic year were held, and the results have been sent out by e-mail. If further concerns exist regarding the Lake Campus bylaws, they should be forwarded to the G & B members. Lake Campus bylaws have (finally) been reviewed by the Dayton campus, revisions appear to be fairly minimal. Marty Kich will update the bylaws so that we can see them, and they will need to be given final approval by the Lake faculty. It does not appear at this time that after this vote is taken, they will have to be sent back to Dayton.

Promotion & Tenure: (Chuck Ciampaglio) One person put their name in for promotion & tenure this year, the process is now underway.

General Education Core Review: (Michelle Smith)

Efforts are underway on the Dayton campus to evaluate the effectiveness of the university’s core courses.

In the fall, the university began interviewing faculty members teaching GenEd course regarding their effectiveness. Formal recommendations will be made in the fall, once findings from the colleges are collected.

One conclusion is that the diversity of offerings needs to be increased, although this will have minimal impact on the Lake Campus due to restrictions on space and faulty size.

Another ongoing process will look at GenEd and Integrated Writing courses. Ideally, students will be made more aware of the nature and requirements of the IW courses.

Old Business
Giovanna Follo: Last month Marty Kich forwarded a request for information to the Lake Campus Faculty Senate regarding a piece of legislation pending in Columbus. The proposed law would modify Ohio’s concealed-carry legislation.

As this matter is worthy of more inquiry and discussion, it’s been proposed that the Senate receive further information after the beginning of the Fall semester (at the start of the 2016-2017 academic year).

In the meantime, we will conduct a non-binding straw vote to get a preliminary sense of whether or not faculty support this change in the law.

David Wilson moved to propose this straw vote, Joshua Stomel seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Ballots will be placed in all faculty mailboxes. A “yes” vote means that the individual is satisfied with the proposed changes to the state’s laws. A “no” vote means that the individual is opposed to the proposed changes in the laws. A third option will be present for individuals who do not have a strong opinion on the proposed laws either way.

Ballots may be submitted immediately. A count will take place at 11:00 am on Thursday, April 28.

Cindy Berelsman: Update on cleaning of the office. Ed is working on setting up a regular schedule for the cleaning of offices. If you do not want your office cleaned, contact Ed. If for some reason, you urgently need your office cleaned, please e-mail Ed, and he will try to make sure that’s done.

New Business

Chuck Ciampaglio: Coordination of Campus Clubs

The Natural Science Club scheduled a bake sale for Tuesday, April 29, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

On the same day, Study Right was offering free cookies, ice cream, and pizza, which cut deeply into the Club’s bake sale. We need to be sure that in the future, similar events aren’t being held on the same day, so we don’t have that sort of duplication. Some sort of screening process to catch these sorts of issues before they become a problem would be beneficial.

There is a proposal along these lines in the new bylaws, if they’re (ever) approved, this problem should, hopefully, be resolved.

For the Good of the Order
Joe Cavanaugh: A class on the fine art of Beer Appreciation will be coming up in May. The fee to enroll in the class is $25, faculty and students (over the age of 21, only) will receive a $5 discount. The class will be held at Moeller Brew Barn. Please see Joe if you have questions.

Dane Daniel: Forms regarding preferences for Faculty Senate Committee assignments have been distributed. Please list your top 3 preferences for committee assignments and return those forms to Dane. Everyone will be assigned to at least one committee, you will not be placed on more than one committee without your consent.

Stephen Jacquemin: The Research Symposium was a success—the final count was 106 attendees and ~ 50 posters, including a good mix of faculty and student presentation. Thanks to everyone who participated in the setup and preparation.

The internal grant program will start up again in the fall, when we reconvene in August. Dr. Jacquemin will continue to hold the research coordinator position in the fall.

Megan Faragher: On Juen 18 & 19, the Lake Campus will be holding a workshop on the use of technology in the classroom and in research. Questions about the workshop should be directed to Megan.

Dennis Bulen: A clarification has been requested regarding the availability of faculty members during finals week. This clarification will be forthcoming from Mark Cubberley.

Steven Pedler: If anyone has food in the refrigerator in the break room, please make sure you’re removing it before it develops its own personality. The refrigerator was getting pretty whiffy earlier in the week, and it’s not fair to Jan to expect her to continually clean stuff out.

Motion to adjourn

Sharon Showman moved to adjourn, Nate Tymes seconded the motion, meeting was adjourned at 4:22 pm.