

Faculty Senate Minutes: January 21, 2016

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

Faculty Members Present: James Adabor, Hamed Attariani, Dave Benson, Mindy Bettinger, Joe Cavanaugh, Chuck Ciampaglio, Angie Clayton, Dane Daniel, Megan Faragher, Giovanna Follo, Lynn Franck, Dave Hochstein, Greg Homan, Diane Huelskamp, Stephen Jacquemin, Christine Junker, Steven Pedler, Teresa Richter, Sharon Showman, Michelle Smith, Joshua Stomel, Nate Tymes, David Wilson, Rachmadian “Doni” Wulandana

Faculty Members Unable to Attend due to Professional Responsibilities: Kelly Battles, Marj Hess, Guy Vandegrift

Other Individuals Present: Dean Jay Albayyari, Tyler Pottkotter

Dean’s Report

Consultations continue to be held with the administration in Dayton regarding the structure of the Lake Campus budget. Thus far, the Dayton administration seems favorable to the proposals being made, and the hope is to have new formulas in place by July 1st.

We currently have 5 administrative units at the Lake Campus; the Dean is putting forward a proposal to restructure these units, in the process consolidating from 5 to 4. Education faculty will be moved in with Business, Technical, & Nursing Unit, while the remaining social sciences will be moved in with English & Humanities. The faculty is invited to offer comments and feedback on the proposal; copies have been distributed to all attendees.

Dr. Hochstein inquired regarding accessibility to the 2nd floor of the building in the event of a power outage (if elevators are down, individuals in wheelchairs will not have the ability to evacuate the building). He asked what is being done, or could be done, to address this issue.

The Dean will be bringing this issue up in discussions with maintenance, and will provide updates at future meetings.

Approval of Minutes

Dave Hochstein moved to approve the minutes for the Lake Campus Faculty Senate meeting held on November 19, 2015. Dane Daniel seconded the motion, motion was carried.

Unit Reports

A brief discussion was held regarding the Dean’s proposal on unit consolidation/restructuring. No serious concerns were raised, the suggestion was put forward that the proposed change likely creates a more ideal structure for the Lake Campus. If concerns arise, they should be brought to the attention of the Dean or raised at future meetings of the Faculty Senate.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs/Curriculum: Prior to the meeting, Dane Daniel had sent out a list of six proposed changes and/or additions to offerings at the Lake Campus. These included:

- Course modification for IT 1210
- Course modification for IT 1220
- Course modification for OIS 2200
- Course modification for OIS 2500
- New course – IT 2240: Fundamentals of Graphic Design
- New Graphic Design and Media certificate

The Faculty Senate was asked to approve the changes and additions. Dane Daniel moved that the changes be approved, Chuck Ciampaglio seconded. The motion carried.

Faculty Affairs: The Faculty Affairs Committee has not met.

Petitions: One petition was received by the Lake Campus Petitions Committee. A vote was conducted, and the petition was presented at the January meeting of the University petitions committee in Dayton. For reasons of confidentiality, the specifics of this petition were not discussed.

Outreach: The Outreach committee will be sponsoring several activities in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and Black History Month.

On Tuesday, February 2, Dr. Hasan Jeffries of THE Ohio State University will be giving a talk titled “Making King Matter: Lessons from the Civil Rights Movement.” This address will be given at 2:00 pm in Dicke Hall, and faculty are requested to encourage their students to attend.

On February 11, WSU student Connor Keiser will be delivering a talk titled “Vanishing Act: Preserving Longtown’s Black History.” This talk will begin at 7:00 pm in Dicke Hall.

The Outreach Committee is also considering an early Cinco de Mayo festival, which would be held in April shortly before the end of the Spring semester. More details on this activity will be given once they are made available.

Technology & Library: The committee met last week. The name “Library and Technology Center” (LTC) has been adopted for what used to be the library. Issues with the new Scantron system seem to have been mostly resolved—if you want to make use of the Scantron and require assistance, please work with Jan. Try to ensure that you allow a reasonable amount of time for turnaround.

There is a new syllabus clause describing the Library & Technology Center—faculty are encouraged to include this clause in their course syllabi.

We should make an effort to continue to remind our students that the LTC is here, that it is growing, and that it has a variety of services and resources that students can take advantage of. These free services are critically important, given the financial difficulties that afflict many of our students.

The LTC's current hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, and Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

It was suggested that we may also wish to look into the deployment of abundant on-campus signage as a means of increasing student awareness and usage of the LTC.

Governance & Bylaws: The Lake Campus bylaws were re-written last year and approved by the Lake Campus Faculty Senate. They were then sent to Dayton for final approval, where they continue to linger in purgatory for sins evidently committed in a past life.

The approval process in Dayton is apparently akin to a bureaucratic black hole from which nothing can escape, not even decisions. Science faculty members should be aware of the possibility of acquiring research funding for studying this curious phenomenon.

Given the proposal to consolidate units at the Lake Campus, the bylaws will likely require some additional minor revisions even after approval is granted, but these changes should be minor in nature, and should be approved quickly (he said hopefully....)

Promotion & Tenure: Every faculty member who is tenure-track, but not yet tenured needs to undergo a yearly review.

Any scholarship that members wish to have applied to that review should be submitted to the P & T committee. The committee wants to be very clear about exactly what research material can and cannot be used during promotion reviews.

The process of security promotion at Dayton can be very tricky; the easiest way to prevent unforeseen complications is to have everything organized to the greatest extent possible, so that nothing is out of order.

Dean Albayyari is also a strong supporter of peer evaluation of teaching, so it is important that all faculty stay on schedule with respect to peer evaluations. Please note that ANY peer can conduct these reviews, although ideally these would be done by a senior faculty member in either your field or a closely related field. NTE faculty members can offer reviews of TET faculty, and vice versa.

Old Business

None

New Business

Stephen Jacquemin: An e-mail was sent to all Lake Campus faculty on January 18 regarding research funding opportunities. Please review the e-mail to familiarize yourselves with these opportunities. If you have publication expenses, there are limited funds left in research accounts that could be used to reimburse those costs—please note that this only applies to work that involves contracts of some sort.

Research & Sponsored Programs supports two major programs each year. Deadline dates for these have not yet been announced, further information will be provided when that information becomes available.

The Lake Campus Research Symposium will be held the Friday before final exam week—faculty members are invited to display a poster on the 2nd & 3rd floors detailing any aspect of their academic research. This Symposium is open to all faculty and staff, as well as to students engaged in research with faculty.

We would like to see high rates of faculty participation in this event.

Joe Cavanaugh: The Association of University Regional Campuses of Ohio (AURCO) is accepting proposals through February 1 for presentations at its annual meeting. This meeting will be held on April 15 & 16 at Kent State University – Trumbull. Further information on this meeting may be found at the AURCO website:

aurco.net

Chuck Ciampaglio: The Faculty Affairs Committee is asked to take up the issue of vacuuming of faculty office suites in the area above Dicke Hall. We need a policy in place to ensure that trash in those offices is emptied regularly, and that they're periodically being vacuumed, as this is not currently being done, and problems will arise if trash pickup and other cleaning is not performed regularly.

A question has also been raised about having the campus opened for a period of time on Sundays. It would be beneficial to students if we could offer at least limited hours on Sundays where the main campus buildings would be open and accessible. The Faculty Affairs Committee is asked to look into the possibility of these hours (12:00-5:00 pm on Sundays), and to pass information on its findings to the Faculty Senate officers or report on the issue during our next meeting.

For the Good of the Order

Christine Junker: The first of a series of faculty get-togethers will be held on Monday, January 25, at Brew Nation (formerly Java Nation), at 4:00 pm. Faculty Development will cover the cost of food and (non-alcoholic) beverages for attendees. Please RSVP to Christine if you plan to attend.

Giovanna Follo: The Lake Campus AAUP social will be held immediately after this meeting, at 4:00 pm, also at Brew Nation. The cost of food and *one* drink per person (kegs do not count as one drink, nice try...) will be paid for by the AAUP-WSU. The Lake faculty are also asked to consider when they would like to hold an end-of-semester get-together.

Motion to adjourn

Sharon Showman moved to adjourn; Joe Cavanaugh seconded the motion, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm.