

Faculty Council Minutes: 10/09/15 -- 3:00-4:30 -- Boardroom

Attendees: Joseph Colton, Brooke Taylor, Lee Imonen, Jody Anderson, Phil Moore, Jim Salt, Steve McQuiddy, Russell Shitabata, Jessica Alvarado

Co-chair Business (10 min)

Appointments:

--Reviewed letter of interest from Bill Burrows for Academic Requirements Review Committee. Request more information regarding applicant's interest.

Student Evaluations Instrument:

--Online student evaluations available this term for all classes.

--Joseph will send email to FC to access evaluations, and will send to all faculty.

--Pilot classes spring term: Some had low participation even with email reminders, requests in class, etc.

--Suggestions from Administration for required questions may be coming.

--Will there be an opportunity for faculty input on required questions?

--FC should get word out, make it a topic for next meeting, post discussion on blog, provide instructions

--Editing can be done up to Week 7. Should be accessible to students from Week 8 to end of term.

--Default is currently: evals are available. To turn it off, must be disabled. According to COPPS, faculty cannot do this; dept. chairs make it happen. This is different than paper evals, where only certain classes were evaluated.

--Suggested to set default as "off" and allow faculty to turn it on.

Faculty Council Open Forum debrief, Spring term:

--Strong turnout, sense of urgency.

--Program Review needs to be available to faculty; a follow-up might not help ensure Program Review stays with faculty.

--Future Forum ideas:

- Assessing success of program; shared criteria.
- What data should we look at?
- Work with Academic Program Review (hear from faculty, not a presentation from APROC)
- Need to determine what college uses to make decisions. What standards do faculty think the college should be using?

Current Topics

1. LMS Review - Ian Coronado

--Since 2006, across campus survey: should we look at something else? What works with Moodle, what doesn't?

--Committee chair to look at what else is out there by instructor.

--70 percent of instructors use Moodle, 760 courses for fall.

--Distance Learning MOA: Who will replace faculty webmasters?

--Survey is Google Doc.

Council, Committee, Team Reports

Governance Councils

--College Council: No meeting this week.

--Learning Council: Had open house, then numbers dropped. How to move forward with Learning Plan.

--LCCEA: [No notes available.]

--Assessment Team: [No notes available.]

--ARRC: [No notes available.]

--Curriculum Committee: [No notes available.]

Division Reports (15 min)

--Science: Chemistry Hygiene Officer (CHO) needed. Had support from Maurice, but he left. Exec. Team has not agreed to fund this. Interim Dean: Paul Ruscher. National Science Week coming, look for announcement in Weekly.

--ALS: Dean search for new administrative structure of ALS and ABSE. ALS full-time faculty down to three from eight, no replacements.

--Counseling: Sent team down to UCC after shooting. Two advisors have transitioned to other positions; advising positions being filled.

--Art: Could pair up with Science faculty for National Science Week. Gallery show in Building 11. Dean retiring Jan. 1; looking for interim dean. Looking to engage in Program Review.

--Social Science: Interim Dean: Phil Martinez. Two job postings: Human Services and Criminal Justice.

--Math: Not much drop in enrollment, perhaps affected by encouraging students to take math courses earlier. New placement test in place. Hiring for two positions: Engineering background, and general math.

--CIT: Imbalance of faculty members.

--LLC: Hiring practices changed, leadership picked by dean. Faculty were invited by dean to training for active shooter event that was meant for deans. Were concerned that there wasn't one as quickly put together for faculty. The college response to UCC shooting seems haphazard; "moment of silence" announcement sent just 12 hours before.

LLC report led to further discussion of responses to UCC shooting:

--Jim Salt reported that the UCC alert system didn't work well; that people are concerned about LCC system, ability to lock classrooms. Vigil at LCC: invitation-only speakers; no faculty were invited to speak.

--Admin. did not check with Counseling faculty about vigil.

--Training appears to be going on, but unclear who or where. FC could get involved, request a campus-wide training.

--LCC Board meeting: Discussed arming campus security.