Faculty Senate Meeting

8/17/2021

In attendance: Chelsea Campbell, Berndt Savig, Ellie Camann, Heather Duncan, Carol Martin, Julie Schneider, Erika Iverson, Janet Tarase, Leah Rogin-Roper, Sally Stablein (subbing for Amy Buckingham)

Absent: Joe McInerney, Amy Buckingham

Guests: Derek Lan, Jeremy Cox, Jenna Alzona, Jon Calavitta, Jenning Prevatte, Elyse Marsh

1. Representation

Berndt Savig—Visual & Performing Arts

Ellie Camann—Sciences

Heather Duncan—Mathematics

Amy Buckingham—Social Sciences

Leah Rogin-Roper—English

Janet Tarase—Business/Marketing

Carol Martin—Economics, Education, Philosophy

Julie Schneider—Computer Technology

Joe McInerney—Construction Technology

Erika Iverson—Arvada

Chelsea Campbell—CAD, EGG, EGT, EMP, EMS, FST, LEA, OUT, PED, PRA, WQM

Currently, History is not yet represented

1. Offices

* President: Chelsea Campbell is FS President by default since she was VP when Wendy Bird stepped down.
* Vice President: Janet Tarase
* Secretary: Amy Buckingham

1. Dates of future FS Meetings

* 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month

1. Topics for this semester

* Campus Safety Advisory Committee

Dr. Haney sent an email about joining this committee. See that email if interested.

* Efforts to Reduce Faculty Teaching Loads

First introduced by Wendy last semester. Are we as a college moving forward with this?

* Faculty Qualifications

Mainly for Concurrent Enrollment hiring. Is this a Faculty Senate item or a department item?

* Instructor Observation Forms

Observation forms will be important since HLC will be auditing observations this year.

V. Areas that need more clarification from administration

* Mask Mandate
* Presence on campus
* Office Hours
* Class Capacities
* What to do if there is a Covid outbreak in your F2F class
* Make-up work for a student who gets Covid
* Classroom Sanitation

VI. Possible Topics Suggested for Senate Consideration This Year

* Bookstore is making recommendations on materials that instructors haven’t recommended. This needs to stop.
* Salary and compensation—we received a 1% adjustment. This does not take care of compression for those who have been here a long time. Starting salaries are too low. Benefits package needs to be revisited.
* Course loads—seems to have lost momentum. Is that still a topic of discussion?
* Other issues started last year

Is BLM being revisited? It was decided that a statement would be drafted but by who? Is that still happening?

* BIPOC (Black, indigenous, people of color)

Will a council be created to support this group? It should be a separate council from the Equity Council because there are significant differences between the two.

* Deans, President & VPAA will be asked to attend a Faculty Senate meeting mid-semester.
* Contact your Senator or Chelsea Campbell if there are any additional topics of concern you would like to request to be added to the agenda for the year.