

Faculty Senate Business Meeting

February 26, 2024

via TEAMS

Members Present:

Michael Allen, Sean Alley, Megan Atkinson, Scott Christen, Melissa Comer, Kris Craven, April Crockett, Andrew Donadio, Dennis Fennewald, Mary Lou Fornehed, Syed Hasan, Samantha Hutson, Krystal Kennedy, Christy Killman, Matthew Langford, Richard Le Borne, Jane Liu, Mark Loftis, Jeannette Luna, Jennifer Mabry, Twanelle Majors, Lori Maxwell, Holly Mills, Wendy Mullen, Linda Null, Brian O'Connor, Hyewon Park, Mustafa Rajabali, Christopher Reames, Steven Seiler, Lee Ann Shipley, Scott Smith, Troy Smith, Sandi Smith-Andrews, Leslie Suters, Kyle Turner, Hannah Upole, Brenda Wilson, Kimberly Winkle

Members Absent:

Teddy Burch, Stephen Canfield, Mark Creter, Yun Ding, Steve Frye, Ann Manginelli, Michael Nattrass, Joseph Ojo, Richard Rand, Amber Spears, Lenly Weathers

Guests Present:

Kevin Braswell, Brandon Boyd

Call to Order

Senate President Allen called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

Senator Donadio made a motion to approve the agenda. Senator Smith-Andrews seconded. The motion carried.

2. Approval of Minutes and Notes from Previous Meetings

a.) January 29, 2024 Business Meeting Minutes

Senator Donadio made a motion to approve the minutes. Senator Atkinson seconded. Senator Smith-Andrews abstained. The motion carried.

b.) February 5, 2024 Meeting with Provost Bruce Notes

Senator Smith-Andrews made a motion to approve the notes. Senator Atkinson seconded. The motion carried.

3. Report from Academic Council Chair

Senators discussed issues and confusion with reserving space for classes through Coursedog; this may need to be a future agenda item for discussion. The best advice is to work ahead and together as much as possible.

4. Report from Administrative Council Chair

No updates; the council has not met since the last report.

5. Report from TUFs

Senator Smith-Andrews reported on the latest TUFs meeting topics, including shared governance and a history of low and inconsistent pay for adjunct instructors.

6. Discussion with Vice President Braswell from Advancement

VP Braswell updated senators on fundraising goals and changes in funding the department. Advancement has met 44% of the funding goal after 45% of the time has passed for this funding campaign. The department seeks to raise these funds primarily for faculty support, scholarships, and student experiences. VP Braswell offered to meet with anyone who had any further questions or discussion.

7. Report from Trustee Luna

The next Board of Trustees meeting is coming up a week from Thursday. There is not yet any information on the Mercer study and Trustee Luna was told the board would be reviewing results at the March meeting.

8. Report from the Faculty Senate President

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Submit questions or comments to Senate President Allen or Secretary Mills

13. Reminder of breakfast with Board of Trustees at 7:00 a.m., lobby in front of the multipurpose room

Senator Christen requested a calendar invitation and Secretary Mills agreed to send to all. Senators should have received a paper invitation.

8. Report from the Faculty Senate President

Richard Rand suffered a heart attack recently but is on campus working. Senator O'Connor noted the passing of Ray Kozub.

Adjournment

Senator Rajabali moved to adjourn the meeting. Senator Smith-Andrews seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Approved: 03/25/2024