**Faculty Senate Executive Council Minutes**

January 31, 2023

Via Microsoft Teams, 3:00-5:00 pm

Call to order: The first hour was spent in the SRI meeting. The second half of the meeting was called to order by Hilary Hungerford at 4:02 pm.

**FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT**

* Last week the subject of ChatGPT came up. Armen said he would love to take the lead on that. At the U the Provost sent a letter out to all faculty that they know what is happening but they haven’t done anything yet.
* Dianne McAdam-Jones: How do we make it so everybody benefits?
* Hilary Hungerford: Armen and I took a walk and talk yesterday and outlined a forum that we might try to tag onto an existing workshop, or it might just have to be an afternoon forum. We will be thinking about how this can be a tool instead of something we are working against. Armen had a really good point that the better you are at prompts and questions the better you are going to get whatever the AI product is going to be. We are thinking about a forum with breakout sessions. We are thinking in March, preferably after Spring Break. We are going to ask Jonathan Allred, Sam, and Seth. If something is already happening, we can tag a pre-conference on for AI. I will include Jonathan on the conversations going forward.
* President Tuminez would really like more faculty highlight stories. I sent her a few I knew about, but it can’t be just all my friends. Send either me or the President the amazing things your colleagues are doing.
* Jaden Muir: We have something called Wolverine Week where students can nominate each other. I wonder if Faculty Senate can do something like that.
* Sandie Waters: What is going on with the Pace party?
* Hilary: That is being looked at by HR. There is not enough room for us at that party. I will look at this again.

**SRI Debriefing:**

* Comment: If you’re not a stats person, it was hard.
* Hilary: One thing that is useful is that our current instrument has inter-reliability.
* Wioleta Fedeczko: When we do start questioning and shopping around for the new tool and technology, we should ask if they will collect data and produce reports for us. We need to be really careful regarding policy and protecting student information, but we can do that and still get data.
* Question: What were the statistics on reliability? They aren’t rating the tools; they are rating us.
* Comment: All they are saying is they are measuring what we told it to measure. I think the bigger problem is I don’t still trust the analysis because of the response rate across the board.
* Hilary: There will be things we will never be able to capture, such as different labors the instructors have to preform to get the same score. I know I have to establish authority in different ways than male colleagues. That will never be captured.
* Comment: We need something to factor in for these things we can’t touch, build, or measure and that’s a big one when you are the minority faculty.

Hilary: I think the big take away is we’ll never have a perfect system but we need to make incremental changes to get closer. That’s why we need a broader teaching model. We also need to educate the larger university community on SRIs.

**UVUSA**

* Technically, elections for UVUSA starts tomorrow. Packets are due tomorrow. Elections are still a few weeks out. As of Monday, we have 4 applications for all positions, but the advisors said that is common.
* We have a forum on Feb. 16th on general education. We are just wanting to inform students a little bit about rules on generals.

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

* Special Assignments & Investigations:
  + Laura Ricaldi: We have a meeting set up with Marylin and Kat in February to talk about compensation and transparency. We will meet with Judy Martindale’s replacement when they hire that individual.
    - Hilary: I know that the SUU Faculty Senate is pushing for a look at compensation too. That will be a good analysis.
  + Laura: I am in the process of reaching out to the faculty ombuds at the U and once she agrees to meet, I’ll set up the meeting to include those who are interested in joining.
    - Hilary: We might want to connect with Kat too because she was really interested.
* Service & Elections:
  + Sandie Waters: I have no updates for Service and Elections. We still have vacancies and the word is out. I told my team that we will have elections coming up and that we should start getting organized.
* Curriculum:
  + Ben Moulton: Next week we have institutional prioritization that is going to happen. Basically, it’s all of the programs that are getting proposed and most of them are coming from Computer Science. The other thing is what to do with me next year. Next year is my last year and I train my successor and we also have accreditation coming up. Did you want a brand-new chair going into it? Policy 103.5.23 says it is generally for 3 years except otherwise specified. If I’m not going to get re-elected, we need to find someone by March.
    - Hilary: We could change the bylaws.
    - Jon Anderson: Policy will trump bylaws.
    - Ben: Is this one of those things you look at over the next couple of weeks and then revisit?
    - Jon: I don’t think we can elect you to another year, but I do see that we can extend this for another year. This means we won’t need to elect your shadow to the accreditation process. If we choose to go this route, we need the Senate to sign off on this.
    - Sandie: I agree with John on this. I was planning the second or third week in February to talk about elections.
    - Jon: I think we should talk about Ben’s unique circumstance in the next Senate meeting.
* Retention, Tenure, Promotions & Appeals:
  + Hilary: John Hunt, Wioleta and I have been working with Wayne and Kat about a kind of 10-year promotion review. How many people went up, how many were denied and what colleges were they from? We may even throw in sabbatical too. We want to bring more transparency to the numbers. Both Kat and Wayne are really supportive of this. We can’t have anything identifiable. We will get the data from them in the next few weeks, then we will post it in our Senate page somewhere.
* Advancement of Teaching:
  + Faculty Excellence Awards/Jonathan Allred: The FEA chairs were supposed to receive all of the applications last week. We should have names of the winners by the 14th of February at which time I will pass it on to Academic Affairs. The committees are meeting right now about which individuals they’ll put forward to accept these awards.
    - Hilary: Do you now if OTL will plan the whole event like last year?
    - Jonathan: I will start talking to them about that.
  + Jonathan: If you’re interested, will you pass along that we are reviewing the proposals for the teaching and learning symposium. We will learn from our faculty here and the second day of the symposium is all about technology.

**Senate Agenda:**

* The agenda is there and it’s basically the same. Skyler can help me with the new policies.

Meeting adjourned at 5:03 pm