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April 18, 2012 - Faculty Club - 3:00 pm
MINUTES

Call to order: 3:05 pm

Present: Estis, Gordon-Hickey, Smith, T., Kennedy, E., Carr, Toelkyn, Dardeau, Fisher Gusy, Haywick, Mishra, Faile, Marin, Marshall, Moore, Connors, Roddy, Shaw, Benko, Feinstein, Landry, Bru, Daughtry, Byrd, Davidson-Shivers, Norrell, Stefurak, El-Sharkh, West, Britton, Tate, Nero, Burnham, Rachek, Ruchko, Alexeyev, Woodford, Turnipseed, Hunsader, Fuller, Keasler, Buckner, Minchew, Quiet

Excused absence: Spector, Johnson, M., Pickett, Sylvester, Falkos, Walls, Jackson, Martin

Unexcused absence: Langan, Green, Grishko, Gupte, Rusyniak

Approval of minutes: March 2012 approved with no edits.

Approval of agenda: Approved

Guests: Dr. Joseph Busta

- Discussion was held regarding the Annual Fund and how it ties into the University's 50th Anniversary celebrations and events.

President's Report – Tom Meyer delivered a “State of the Senate” report rather than “State of the University” report. Phil Carr will implement the “State of the University” reporting process with the 2012-2013 Senate. (See attached document).

New Business

- Amendment to bylaws – to include description of Evaluation Committee – Rules were temporarily suspended to allow the discussion of the item and the vote at the same meeting. A motion was made to approve addition of committee description, second by Kelly Woodford. Motion passed.
- Elections – being no further nominations from the Senate floor a motion was made by G. Dardeau that the Senate approve the proposed slate of officers from the Executive Committee. Second provided by Vicki Tate. Motion approved and slate established.
 - President – Phil Carr
 - Vice President – Doug Marshall
 - Secretary – Julie Estis
 - Past President – Tom Meyer
 - Academic Development/Mentoring - Thomas Shaw
 - Environmental Quality – Doug Haywick
 - Evaluation – Laura Moore
 - Planning & Development – Leigh Minchew
 - Salary & Benefits – David Turnipseed
 - Technology Utilization – Kelly Woodford

New Business

2011-2012 Year End Committee Reports (See Attached)

- Academic Development and Mentoring (Thomas Shaw)
- Environmental Quality (Doug Marshall)
- Evaluation (Patsy Turnipseed)
- Planning and Development (Laura Moore)
- Salary and Benefits (David Turnipseed)
- Technology Utilization (Donna Retzlaff-Roberts)
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Caucus Reports

- Allied Health (Mike Spector) No report
- Arts and Sciences (Laura Moore) Meetings have been held with Dean throughout the year. Faculty concerns have been followed up on and regular communications have been shared with Faculty.
- Continuing Education (Stephen Bru) No report
- Computer and Information Sciences (David Feinstein) No report
- Education (Gayle Davidson-Shivers) Faculty Excellence in Teaching Awards April 27, 2012 & 35th Annual Honors and Awards Reception will be May 4, 2012
- Engineering (Francis Donovan) No report
- Library (Vera Finley) Library had a very successful National Library Week
- Mitchell College of Business (Ellen Madden) No report
- Medicine (Ludymila Rachek) COM is difficult group to work with but progress is being made and there are 3 new Senators for the 2012-13 Senate
- Nursing (Leigh Minchew) CON has over 5000 students in class and online. CCNE Accreditation was successful. Grant funding was received to support teaching and learning. There are open faculty positions. The Excellence in Teaching Award will be given at Spring Convocation on the Friday preceding Commencement. The VP for Health Sciences is offering grant funding incentives for collaborative teaching and learning projects in Health Sciences.

2012-2013 Caucus Leaders

- Allied Health (Susan Gordon Hickey)
- Arts and Sciences (Genevieve Dardeau, Jenny Faille)
- School of Computing (Jeff Landry)
- SCESP (Jeremy Daughtry)
- Education (Gayle Davidson-Shivers)
- Engineering (Kevin West)
- Library (Vicki Tate)
- Medicine (Judy Burnham)
- Mitchell College of Business (Ken Hunsader)
- College of Nursing (Ellen Buckner)