

**Academic Senate Council Meeting
Tuesday September 29, 2015 @ Noon**

Attending: Bercher, Boysen, Ferguson, Gaddy, Hendrickson, James, Lefler, MacMillan-Crow, Miller, Smith-Olinde, Voth, Wei

I couldn't make out the following signatures. Who are these folks?

Guests: Benes, Boerma, Boyle, Breen, Crooks, Hayar, Hauer-Jensen, Jackson, Nowak, Post, Zhou

Absent: McCain, Renard, Rosenbaum

Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m.

Approval of minutes from August Meeting, 2015; Hendrickson moved, Bercher seconded; passed as presented on voice vote

Committee Reports

- Faculty Affairs – Cesar Compadre No report
- Communications – Grover Miller
 - Several subject areas are in development on campus, IPE, RSS, Skype for business (VOIP) replacing landlines) and conversation for some of these topics have been initiated on the blog.
 - Discussion occurred about the ability of current computers to use the VOIP system
 - Miller requested members to promote the blog among faculty in their units
 - Miller reminded the Council that a link to the blog is included in the Council's weekly email about meetings, and this is currently occurring.
- Research – Lee Ann MacMillan-Crow (report focused on RSS below)
 - MacMillan-Crow updated the Council on the progress of the RSS implementation; however, there are many pieces of information that are lacking. This thought was reiterated by several in attendance.
 - She has requested information from Bowes on several issues (e.g., what is the underlying problem? How many grants staff members are there across the colleges?) but has received no response as of today
 - She contacted Mike Jennings on these issues as well; Jennings provided some data on the number and type of proposals submitted and granting agency type and this was shared with the faculty)

- Bowes has called a meeting of the faculty advisory committee for November 5, 2015
- Hendrickson presented a draft resolution listing main concerns for RSS. He stated that Vice Chancellor for Research Lawrence Cornett suggested the Senate first present the resolution to CFO Bowes to register faculty concerns about the RSS timeline and scope.
- Discussion of wording of the resolution occurred. Hendrickson requested Council members to review the draft resolution and offer suggestions.

Old Business

- Updates from College Representatives—representatives were requested to contact their deans in the next couple of weeks about the Research Shared Services initiative
- Faculty Exit Survey
 - Smith-Olinde stated she met with Mickey Quattlebaum, Human Resources liaison to faculty, about the exit survey. Quattlebaum said HR and the Provost are interested in a survey that would yield data leading to improved retention of faculty. Adding an exit survey to the official checklist is a possibility; Quattlebaum wants to work with the Senate to craft a survey acceptable to all.
 - Ferguson asked for volunteers to serve on an ad hoc committee for this purpose. Smith-Olinde offered to set up a meeting in mid-late October for the following volunteers:
 - ~ Benes
 - ~ Ferguson
 - ~ Gaddy
 - ~ Hayar
 - ~ Lefler
 - ~ Miller
 - ~ Smith-Olinde
- Inter-professional Education: Updates—Ferguson stated more information about IPE is now available on the IPE website, along with a place to submit questions and comments. Miller commented that “research” does not appear anywhere on the IPE website; Ferguson intends to contact the IPE office about that.
- Faculty at Large—two candidates, Helen Beneš and Steve Post, will be presented for a faculty vote for the single “at-Large” seat via SurveyMonkey beginning 9/30/15. Voting will end on 10/15/15.

New Business Items called to the Council’s attention

- Calling a Full Academic Senate Meeting—Ferguson will decide on a date in late October and contact Council members

- The Chancellor, Provost and William Bowes, Vice-Chancellor, Finance and Chief Financial Officer will be invited to speak at the full Senate meeting

Meeting was **adjourned** at 1:04 p.m