Senate

College of Liberal Arts

May 16, 2016

**CC 3540**

2:30-4:00

**AGENDA**

1. Approval of Agenda

* The meeting was called to order at 2:31 pm
* The agenda was unanimously approved. 2:32 pm

1. Approval of the minutes from April 25, 2016

* The minutes were unanimously approved. 2:33

1. Moderator’s Report:

* Thank you to the Senators for all their hard work the past year.
* Congratulations to Sari Edelstein, who is taking over as Senate Moderator next year
* Committee chairs next year: Adam Beresford will chair the AAC, Emily Wiemers will chair MHSP, Laurel Wainwright will chair Standards and Credits, and David Pantalone will chair the new budget and planning committee.
* If your department hasn’t sent new Faculty Senate representative names for the fall please send them to Kelly Ahearn ASAP.
* CSM approved the Senate bylaws, but rejected one clause. CSM doesn’t want MHSP to review proposals for new Centers or Institutes in CSM. We have amended the bylaws to reflect that and can vote to accept this change. At that point, the bylaws will be resubmitted to CSM for final approval.
* The SEC needs one more member. The SEC is a good way to distinguish yourself in college-level service.
* The Electronic One Form process has been stymied. So far no funds have been approved for it yet. We must continue to push for it next year.
* Moderator’s report completed at 2:41 pm.

1. Dean’s Report:

* The Dean, too, is still pushing for the Electronic One Form pilot to go forward.
* The Deans are supposed to send out Pink Slips today to the NTT faculty. The pink slips are only going to lecturers not benefitted, or to Associate Lecturers. The Dean hasn’t sent them out yet. Most people will hopefully be rehired once the budget is set for next year. The action is meant to provide flexibility in the budget.
* Provost is trying to rationalize NTT budget. He will work with departments to figure out a plan for the NTT faculty.
* Not sure what the budget deficit is right now, it keeps fluctuating. The Dean is not inclined to take action now. The Trustees are reversing course on the university’s ability to carry a deficit.
* If there are budget holdups let the Dean know.
* Right now there is no word on the space reallocation for McCormack and Wheatley Halls.
* Question from a Senator: How many of the NTT are Associate Lecturers? Answer: Not many, but they are spread unevenly.
* Question from Senator: What happens if the person (NTT who has been laid off) finds another job after we lay them off? Answer: Then we have to replace them according to the union rules.
* Our student to faculty ratio is lower than our sister institutions. This is problematic for the Board of Trustees especially since we have a deficit. The Dean isn’t sure that the data is even across the university system. Lowell and Amherst have many more TA2 instructors than NTT faculty, so their numbers are counted more favorably. With the new building in use, enrollment caps may go up.
* Dean’s report completed at 3:00 pm.

1. Motions from the Academic Affairs Committee to approve the following New courses:

* AFRSTY 118
* AFRSTY 407
* AFRSTY 408

Approved to vote on as a block

Courses approved unanimously

* ASIAN/MDNLNG 115L

Course approved unanimously

* ENG 130
* Concern over some overlap with a course in anthropology

Course approved unanimously

* ENG 226

Course approved with one nay vote

* MUSIC 107

Course approved unanimously

* MUSIC 108

Course approved unanimously

* Motions from the Academic Affairs Committee to approve the following Changes to courses:
* THRART 338 (change to pre-reqs)

Course approved unanimously

* WGS 356L (change to title and description)

Course approved unanimously

1. Motions from the Majors, Honors and Special Program Committee to approve the following:

* Changes to Labor Studies Major and Minor
* Has been moved from CPCS to CLA. Helps make program more connected to CLA. Approved unanimously
* Changes to the German Studies Minor
* Was suspended, now revived.
* Adds new courses and adapts previous courses and deals with changes in course minimum enrollment.

Approved unanimously

* Changes to Developmental and Brain Sciences PhD (minor change of changing minimum passing grade for courses in the program)

Approved unanimously

* Changes to requirements for Individual Majors (by means of changing the application form)
* MHSP approves and monitors all Individual Majors. Weakness in monitoring. Huge growth in diversity of Majors and Minors over the past few years. Want to make this more of a program for exceptional students who want to create their own experience. Program in line with the Honors College GPA-wise. Application is a binding contract. CSM also must approve the changes.

Approved with 2 nays, one abstention, and 13 yes’s

* All course proposals completed by 3:45 pm.

1. Vote to constitute AY 16-17 Committees

Approved unanimously. 3:47 pm.

1. Senate Statement on Lack of Transparency

* Letter comes from an unnamed group of CLA faculty
* Concern over who we are speaking for: we can’t speak for academic affairs or the deans. Other policies coming to the faculty are seen as having a lack of transparency, should the letter be broader?

Options: 1) We can put together a task force to write our own letter

2) Changes can be sent back to the group

MOTION passed to send letter back to group to address our concerns in order to have a revised version for the fall. Senators are encouraged to send written feedback to the Moderator to be conveyed back to the committee revising the letter. 3:57 pm.

1. Revised Senate By-Laws

* MHSP will only look at New Centers and Institutes for CLA not CSM; new clause adopted.

Passed unanimously 4:00

1. Induction of New Senate Members 3:59

* New members have been added to the Senate’s email list. Read materials before the first fall meeting.

1. New Business

* None.

1. Adjourned 4:01

Completed by Anthony Phelps

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