

Spring Faculty Meeting Notes

4/07/2016

3:50 Meeting called to order by Joseph Mendola acting as temporary Parliamentarian for Steve Lahey.

Item I. Call for Approval of minutes from the Fall Faculty Meeting on December 9, 2015 by Dean Francisco. **Unanimous Approval**

Item II. Opening Comments by Dean Francisco.

Item III. Opportunity for faculty to ask questions arising from annual reports of the various college committees.

- Executive Committee – An error was made in the listing of award winners - Jason Kautz who received only the Hazel R. McClymont Award was listed twice, and Liangcheng Du who received the College Outstanding Research and Creative Activity Award was omitted. Dean Francisco shared other accomplishments of the committee, in particular:
 - College Identity statement which will be followed up during this fall's fall faculty retreat.
 - Another charge was to take the reflections of alumni across the country and acknowledge the importance of good teaching. Concept of a teaching academy has been introduced and is being discussed in this committee.
- Promotion and Tenure Committee - Dean Francisco shared that there are several cases this year with a good group of well supported faculty. Final outcomes are in process of being made public with letters from the Sr. VC's office.
- Committee on Student Academic Distinction, Awards, and Appeals – No representation at this meeting.
- Curriculum and Advising Committee – Christina Fielder referenced that deadlines for curriculum action have been tightened which will require earlier submissions by departments in order to be included for the coming academic year and the reinforce the need for substantive changes to be made in Fall and only editorial changes in the Spring.
- Assessment Committee – Diana Pilson shared that the committee encouraged departments to create assessment plans so that reporting would be easier and more productive in the biennial assessment process.
- Research Advisory Committee – Dean Francisco shared the interest in growing the global footprint of the college. New award for extramural engagement was created and winners of this award may be encouraged winners of this award to seek Fulbright faculty awards. Dean Francisco announced Dr. William Thomas was awarded a Guggenheim fellowship and there is a new Fulbright fellow from Spain coming here to work in Chemistry.
- Endowed/College Professorships Committee – No representation at this meeting.

Item IV. Recommendation from the College Curriculum and Advising Committee to approve the proposed new Intercollege Studies Agreement with the College of Education and Human Sciences. **Unanimous Approval.**

- Priscilla Hayden-Roy inquired if there was any action toward such an agreement with the College of Business Administration and specifically the International Business major. Currently there is not.
- Julia McQuillan offered endorsement of this concept as a way to build deeper content knowledge for teachers.
- Some discussion was had about whether to look at the 30 credit hour additional requirement for Dual Matriculation as a means to allow more students to double major and the Dean asked this to be revisited to determine how to have a larger conversation in the College.

Item V. Opportunity to ask questions of the Dean.

- Dean Francisco indicated some new conversations with the College of Law about collaborative opportunities. Invited new ideas and comments to be sent to him, Associate Dean Griffin and Associate Dean Theiss-Morse.
- Dean Francisco reflected on the year as a good one with lots of new hires as well as research and teaching awards. Committee on Diversity, Inclusion, Equity and Access has done good work with passion and conviction for moving forward. Particularly proud moment was going to the Black Lives Matter protest and hearing the students express themselves in a way that demonstrated a powerful voice for the future. Proud of our faculty who helped them find and focus that voice.
- Opened for questions: None asked.

Meeting adjourned by Dean Francisco at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Christina Fielder