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Faculty Affairs Committee of the Academic Senate
Minutes of the Sept. 13, 2011 meeting
3:00-4:30 pm, Kennedy Union 207

Present: Partha Banerjee, Corinne Daprano, Pat Donnelly (ex-officio), Linda Hartley (chair), Emily Hicks, Sheila Hughes, Dave Johnson, Kevin Kelly, Caroline Merithew, Kim Trick, Paul Vanderburgh, Rebecca Wells
Absent: Art Jipson, Andrea Seielstad

1. Secretary for future meeting minutes
The responsibility for meeting minutes will be rotated among members. Emily Hicks agreed to take minutes today. Dave Johnson will take minutes at the next meeting. Linda Hartley requested a 24-hour turnaround for the minutes so that they will be available for the weekly ECAS meeting.

2. Approval of April 2011 minutes
A motion to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2011 meeting was made by Paul Vanderburgh and seconded by Caroline Merithew. The motion passed.

The committee briefly reviewed the responsibilities of being a member of the Academic Senate as stated in DOC I-07-05.

4. Establishing a Committee on Policy & Implementation of Faculty Workload
Pat Donnelly gave an overview of the history of UD’s current faculty workload guidelines—the guidelines were accepted by the Academic Senate in 1995; then reviewed and accepted again in 2000. Some units have more specific guidelines. Various issues were discussed, including the suggested committee composition. Linda Hartley will seek further clarification from Jon Hess. Linda Hartley requested that anyone on FAC who is interested in serving on the Faculty Workload committee should contact her via email. The timeline from ECAS was presented:
   - September 2011—Appoint committee members
   - October 2011—Begin work
   - February-March 2012—Proposal to ECAS

5. Student Observation of Faculty Teaching
Sheila Hughes reviewed the report on work of the subcommittee that will be presented at the next Academic Senate meeting. The FAC committee’s work on this topic was briefly discussed. A preliminary draft of the FAC proposal on Student Evaluation of Teaching was also discussed. An expanded draft of the proposal will be discussed at the next FAC meeting on Sept. 27th. (see separate report)

6. Faculty and Instructional Staff Title Revision Proposal
Pat Donnelly reviewed the history of the proposal, including the rationale for the changes. The committee reviewed the proposed revisions. Concern was raised about the revisions to the Lecturer title. After much discussion, the committee decided to remove the following sentences on the grounds that they reflected policy which was not the purpose of this document: “The use of lecturers will be carefully monitored and limited in number across the university and within individual units. Consideration should be given to demands of the University mission and to particular departmental circumstances.” This decision was not unanimous. This discussion will continue at the next FAC meeting. Dr. Donnelly asked that FAC members email him additional suggested revisions prior to our next FAC meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Hicks