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Faculty Board Meeting Minutes
5 October 2017
Roesch 205

Present: Christopher Agnew, Philip Appaih-Kubi, James Farrelly, Mary Fisher, Katy Kelly, Andrew Kosmowski, Caroline Merithew, John Ruggiero, Blake Watson
Absent: Janet Bednarek, Leno Pedrotti, Catherine Zois

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 p.m.

I. Approval of minutes from September 1 and September 28
   A. Fisher: “SOEHS” should be changed to the correct acronym “SEHS” in the September 28 minutes.
   B. Motion to approve both sets of minutes: Merithew
   C. Second: Fisher

II. Constitutional question [continued from previous meeting]: May the at-large representative of the full-time non-tenure-track faculty hold office on Faculty Board?
   A. Should we hold a faculty vote on this question?
   B. Faculty board members represent the entire faculty as a whole. Non-tenure-track faculty represent 25% of all faculty.
   C. Farrelly: The Faculty Board adopted the same procedures and guidelines for non-tenure-track representatives as the academic senate. The Faculty Board officers rewrote the sections of the constitution that were affected by this change.
   D. Ruggiero: There should have been a second all faculty vote after the first vote was passed to add a full-time non-tenure-track faculty representative.
   E. Fisher: There is no written record of how the faculty board constitution was changed or if it was voted on. It was the responsibility of the previous faculty board to record and approve accurate minutes. Upon reviewing the meeting minutes from the 2015/2016 Faculty Board, the Nov. 30, 2015 Faculty Board meeting minutes announced the results. There’s nothing else in the meeting minutes from that year that addresses how the eligibility to serve as officer was decided upon.
   F. Merithew: We should present to the faculty a constitutional rewrite that says all Faculty Board members are eligible to serve as officers.
   G. Watson: At this time we need to change or confirm the edit to the constitution regarding officers (“elected from the ranked faculty members of the Faculty Board”).
   H. Agnew: Suggest voting on specific language to the constitution. It may be amended by 2/3 of the faculty that choose to vote.

III. Officers
   A. Kosmowski stepped down as chair.
   B. Farrelly did not accept the vice chair position.
   C. Kelly will serve as acting chair until the constitutional issue is resolved.
D. The next meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 8, 12-1 p.m. in Roesch Library 205.

The meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by Katy Kelly
Minutes approved on 8 November 2017