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May 2, 2013

4:00 p.m.

ACADEMIC FORUM 201

PRESENT: A. Arnold, D. Aruscavage (sub for C. Sacchi), A. Awadallah, G. Bamberger, C. Bloh, F. Cortez-Funk, J. Delle, P. Dewey, S. Fernando, J. Gehringer, R. Grapsy, E. Hanna, D. Immel, L. Irving, D. Johnson (President), Y. Kim, A. Kirshman, J. Kremser, M. LeBosse, S. Lem, J. Lizza, K. Logan, M. Mahosky, T. Maskulka, K. McCloskey, B. McCree, T. McNally, C. Nordlund, R. Flatley (sub for K. Prock), P. Reed, J. Ronan, J. Schlegel, R. L. Smith, C. Vargas, P. Walsh-Coates, A. Walz, C. Watson

ABSENT: L. Barish, N. Butler, J. Cevallos, R. Fliszar, K. Gardi, R. Gross, H. Hamlet, J. Jackson, J. Laskoski, C. Rutherford, G. Schaper, M. Sims, G. Zelleke, B. Zigner

GUESTS ATTENDING: P. Keldson, D. Beouguer, C. Wells

- I. Call to Order
 - meeting called to order at 4:07 pm
- II. Announcements
 - our new clerical secretary is Pamela Reichert-Rex. She will begin May 6th.
- III. Approval of the Agenda
 - request by A. Arnold to move his part up due to a later conflict
 - approved by vote
- IV. Approval of the Minutes from April 4, 2013
 - minor editing notes
 - approved (amended) by vote (motion R. Smith, 2nd P. Walsh-Coates)
- V. Approval of Candidates for Graduation
 - approved by vote (motion R. Smith, 2nd J. Schlegel)
- VI. President, Committee and Task Force Reports
 - A. Senate President's Report (D. Johnson)
 - introduction of Nick Imbesi as new student body president and representative to Senate
 - announcement of Governance Summit on October 14th, 2013 (Columbus Day)
 - to support Middle States report
 - representation from all unions
 - President will allow staff to attend
 - spring elections through KUnited
 - will go out May 3rd
 - faculty will only see the ones that apply to them specifically
 - encouragement to participate by voting
 - recognition of those not returning to Senate next term (stand)

- updates from ATC
 - minutes posted on the University Senate website
 - survey conducted
- 2014-2015 academic calendar will reflect same schedule as has been in practice
- final exam taskforce issues
 - change or retain maximum 30% of final course grade
 - impact of possible 4 exams in 1 day
 - asked Tom Stewart to chair
 - report to Academic Standards and Policies
 - report back to University Senate for October 2013 meeting
- highlights of the year
 - reports from campus agencies such as athletics accomplishments
 - recognize Andy Arnold and Carol Watson for retiring from the Executive Board
- B. Committee on Committees Report (A. Arnold)
 - suggestion that the committee system is too complicated
 - distribution to committees based on interest; not tenure/promotion
 - motion from Committee on Committees to approve committee appointments
 - no need for 2nd, approved by vote
- C. Comments from Provost Vargas
 - announcement of new vice-president position for enrollment management
 - based on sudden drop in student enrollment and retention
 - discussion/explanation of current, various enrollment challenges
 - several departments will be realigned under new VP position
 - discussion of chairs having power to grant exceptions to Gen. Ed. competencies
 - May 1st enrollment numbers 6.2% higher than 2011, 18% lower than 2012
 - phone-a-thons by students/names sent to departments
 - early alert systems for students having problems
 - more effective communication with students
 - issues with advising/faculty need to be on board
- VII. Old Business
 - suggestion that issues remain tabled for this meeting
- VIII. New Business
 - Class Attendance Policy (K. Danielson)
 - 4 motions to articulate PASSHE regulations
 - 2 for undergrad/2 for grad
 - discussion/explanation
 - call for detail added to definitions
 - all approved by vote
 - posthumus degree
 - motion to award degree to Timothy Delvechio (motion T. Maskulka, 2nd K. McCloskey)
 - approved by vote
- IX. As May Arise
- X. Adjournment
 - motion to adjourn passed

submitted by CWatson
5/29/13