



FACULTY SENATE

Executive Council

April 10, 2017 4:00 – 5:30 pm

Waterman 427A

Minutes

Present: Professors Almstead, Barnaby, Burns, Mehrtens, Paris, Rodgers, Toolin

Absent: Beckage, Carney, Chittenden, Danks, Gurdon, Pechenick, Prue

Guests: Michael Giangreco

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. in Waterman 427A

Robert Rodgers introduced Michael Giangreco as the newly elected Professional Standards Committee chair for the AY 2017-2018.

1. **Approval of March 20, 2017 Minutes.** The minutes were approved as written
2. **Degree Correction.** One degree correction was requested from the College of Arts and Sciences.
Motion: To approve the degree correction as presented.
Vote: 7 approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain
3. **Chair's Remarks** – Cathy Paris requested an informal update from the committee chairs regarding the status of the committee leadership for AY 2016-2017.
 - CAC – Laura Almstead will run for re-election. No other candidates have come forward.
 - ERTC Regina Toolin will run for re-election. No other candidates have come forward.
 - FPPC – Andrew Barnaby will continue as a member of the FPPC, but not as chair. He believes there will be 4 members returning, but no candidate for chair has been identified.
 - SAC – Thomas and Jen were not present at this meeting
 - RSCA – Chris Burns is up for re-election on the committee as the representative for Libraries. If re-elected, he is willing to run for Chair. He asked the RSCA members to think about self-nominating, but no one has come forward yet.

Cathy Paris provided an update on the upcoming election for members at-large and Vice President.

The four at-large members:

- Char Mehrtens and Brian Beckage will continue in the second year of their 2-year terms.
- Alison and Cecilia's 2-year terms are ending. A call for nominations has been distributed to Senators, and nominations from the floor will be requested at the April Senate meeting. An electronic ballot will be distributed to all elected Senators by the end of April.

Vice President: Jan Carney will be running for re-election as Senate VP. A call for nominations has been distributed to all eligible faculty members. Nominations will be requested from the floor of the Senate at the April meeting, and an electronic ballot will be distributed by the end of April.

Additional updates included:

- Andrew Barnaby will present a report on the work of the FPPC at the May Faculty Senate meeting.
- Chris Burns and the RSCA are reviewing the new policy on Intellectual Property. The process for this type of review is unclear. Cathy Paris will clarify the process for this type of policy review.
- The Faculty Senate Executive Council members have been invited to participate in interview meetings with the four candidates for Registrar. The meetings are scheduled during the week of April 17th. This is a good opportunity to bring up faculty interests with the candidates.
- Annual reports from committee chairs are due to the Senate office prior to the May 18th Senate meeting.

4. **Curricular Affairs Report**, Laura Almstead presented the consent agenda, which included the following:

- New undergraduate certificate in Computer-Aided Engineering Technology. Proposed by the College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences, this undergraduate certificate program offers a coherent set of courses that meets an expressed need from employers for professional technical training. Courses in the curriculum all have capacity for more students and the proposal has support of participating units.
- Name change Certificate of Graduate Study in Environmental Public Health. The Graduate College, in conjunction with the Department of Medicine in the Larner College of Medicine and with Continuing and Distance Education, is requesting to change the name of the Certificate of Graduate Study in Environmental Public Health to the Certificate of Graduate Study in Global and Environmental Health. The name change reflects changing descriptive language with the field of public health

itself and the increasing emphasis and awareness of the global nature of public health issues.

- Name change: Sustainable Entrepreneurship MBA. The Graduate College, in conjunction with the Grossman School of Business, is requesting to change the name of the Sustainable Entrepreneurship MBA (SEMBA) to The Sustainable Innovation MBA (The SIMBA). The name change request is a result of the experience the faculty in the program have had with student recruitment, the program's board of advisors and companies. The word entrepreneurship carries with it the connotation of "start-ups", which is not the focus of the program. Innovation better describes the focus of the program and, indeed, its place in the field of MBA education.
- Report-out of item approved by CAC that does not require Senate vote. A proposal for revisions to the Chemistry BA and BS degrees was submitted by the Department of Chemistry, in the College of Arts and Sciences and recommend approval. The proposal is for significant revisions to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) and Bachelor of Science (BS) degrees in Chemistry. The primary objectives of the proposed changes are to provide degree options that better support students' needs, provide coursework consistent with students' interests, and promote retention in the undergraduate degrees. Overall, changes to the BA and BS in Chemistry are meant to improve student engagement early in the program and deploy more high impact practices. Both are demonstrated means to promote retention within STEM majors. The Department also believes that the revised degrees will better serve students interested in chemical science, and provide choices in curriculum that allow them to explore a range of related interests.

Motion: To approve the consent agenda as presented by Laura Almstead, Chair of the Curricular Affairs Committee, for inclusion on the Faculty Senate agenda for the April meeting.

Vote: 7 Approve, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

5. **Planning for the Next "Big Tent" Faculty Development Event** – The success of last year's campus-wide faculty conference has led to interest in the Faculty Senate partnering with the Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs for another event. Jim Vigoreaux's office would handle the organizational matters, and are considering a date in August. A topic for this event has not been determined, and planning meeting dates have not been set. Cathy Paris asked Executive Council members about their interest in participating in the planning for topics, and potential speakers. Cathy and Jim Vigoreaux will provide a short description of the committee work to distribute and recruit faculty members to participate in planning.
6. **Update: Defining the Role of the FPPC.** Andrew Barnaby provided a history and overview of the role of the FPPC, and an update on the conversation with the FPPC and the Provost at their March meeting. The Provost is willing to attend the FPPC meetings,

and is willing to report on what he has decided to spend, and come to the meetings prior to decisions being finalized, so that the members have an opportunity to provide input. He made it clear that the role of the committee is advisory. The responsibility of committee members is to represent their units, and they are looking for meaningful input and discussion. The FPPC is working to establish a meeting calendar with a meaningful sequence for participation by administration in order to ensure faculty input prior to decisions being made.

7. Agenda for P&P Meeting Wednesday, April 19, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m
Topics suggested conversation about the function of the FPPC. Suggestions for the agenda for the P&P should be sent to Cathy.
8. April 24 Senate meeting agenda
 - Minutes of the March 27 meeting *2 min*
 - Senate President's Remarks *2 min*
 - Internationalization Efforts, Gayle Nunley *20 min*
 - Internships, Amanda Chase and Abby McGowan *20 min*
 - Monitoring Emerging Federal Regulatory Changes, Al Turgeon *15 min*
 - CAC Business, Laura Almstead, Chair *10 min*
 - Senate Committee Reports: PSC, Robert Rodgers, Chair *10 min*
 - New business *5 min*
 - Adjourn
9. New Business – none at this time
10. Adjourn – 5:43 p.m.

2016 – 2017 Executive Council Meetings

All meetings are held on Mondays, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

May 8

2016-2017 Meetings with the President and Provost

All meetings are held in the President's Conference Room

Tues, May 9, 2:30 -3:30 p.m.