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Campus Assembly
October 29, 2019
Science Auditorium

Ted Pappenfus, Chair of Steering Committee, announced he will lead the Campus Assembly meeting today supported by Jennifer Goodnough, Vice Chair of Steering Committee and Tim Lindberg, Parliamentarian. Chancellor Behr is unable to attend today due to the Higher Learning Commission visit.

He also responded to questions about the light agenda today. The rationale for the meeting today is that we items that carried over from the last Campus Assembly meeting. Steering Committee anticipates a full agenda at the December meeting.

I. For Action. From the Steering Committee. Approve minutes from 10/1/19 Campus Assembly meeting unanimously approved as presented with one abstention.

II. Campus Committee Reports.

Report from James A. Wojtaszek, Chair of Planning Committee.

Over the last year, the committee has been meeting with representatives of various areas of campus to get a sense of where we are with policy/planning and where the committee can help. We had several meetings with administration, advancement and capital planning. Every year, the committee gets updates on current pending facilities projects. We are half way through those projects and will finish up at our next meeting. Recently we met with representatives from the NASS program to discuss new staff additions, ongoing projects and programming, as well as our current NASNTI grant program. We also learned about plans for applying for a second round of this grant funding, and we hope to play some part in the drafting and/or finalizing of this new proposal. We also plan to meet with Melissa Bert and Chancellor Behr about strategic planning and HLC. We hope to flesh out the followup process after the visioning and planning is complete. We hope to hear from advancement, capital planning, marketing and strategic enrollment management at future meetings this year.

III. All University Reports.

Report from Sheri Breen about the Faculty Consultative Committee.

What is it?

- Consulting body to the University President and the executive committee of the Faculty Senate
- 10 elected members: Twin Cities elects 9 members and Morris campus elects one member; 3-year terms (because they are unionized, Crookston and Duluth other than medical school not eligible; Rochester added as non-voting guest this year)
- Ex officio members: Faculty Senate vice chair (with vote), and 9 others without vote: chairs of 6 University committees (now includes Jenn Goodnough and Jess Larson), Duluth faculty representative, faculty legislative liaisons

- Current chair: Amy Pittenger, Pharmacy, UMM alum

What is its role? What does it do?

- Consultative role: to consult with and advise the University President on issues or policies of concern to the faculty and when appropriate, request or initiate studies; meets with President and senior executive officers
 - Questions of equity for non-tenured faculty
 - Sexual harassment training and mental health/disabilities training for faculty/staff
 - Academic integrity: relationship between faculty behavior and their promotion & tenure
- Executive role: examine actions of the BoR and administration as they affect the University
 - Response to regents' meetings on renaming 4 buildings on TC campus
 - Interviewing finalists for position of President and Provost and giving feedback
- Steering role: Work with Faculty Senate (part of University Senate) on docket for each meeting, rules of procedure, reports from committees, etc.

What is the process to become part of the FCC?

- Three-year term; my term ends June 30, 2020
- Online election by UMM faculty in the spring (last time at end of April 2017)
- Election to FCC also entails:
 - FCC: 18-20 meetings per year plus 2-day planning retreat plus other business between meetings
 - SCC: 4 meetings a year; ten faculty, seven students, two P&A staff, two civil service staff, the University Senate vice chair, the past Faculty Consultative Committee chair, and three ex officio members. The chair of the committee is the chair of the Faculty Consultative Committee.
 - University Senate: 5 meetings per year

Report from Angie Stangl and Matt Zaske about the P&A Senate

The P&A senate is the elected representative body of the Professional & Administrative staff across the University of Minnesota system. It acts on behalf of all P&A's and enables P&A staff to participate in shared governance in the University Governance system.

Recently on the agenda at the senate meeting was looking at the process for Policy Review (you should have received an email – 30 days to capture your thoughts on policies under review From UMN Policy Library dated October 9) and there was an update on the Retirement Project Timeline (Your Retirement Plan, yesterday, October 28).

We are planning to host the November P&A senate meeting in Morris.

We'd like to invite everyone to attend the upcoming Seminar Series (formerly Brown Bag) on Enhancing Wellbeing: Practical Workplace Tips & Approaches covering the University of

Minnesota's Earl E. Bakken Center for Spirituality & Healing's Wellbeing Model. It's on Thursday, November 7, 2019 from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm.

The P&A Senate meets about five times a year. We have three year terms as well.

Senate Committee on Educational Policy (SCEP)

Jennifer Goodnough reported that SCEP is looking at the policy on course cancellations. There have been discussions about adding an approval step if class is cancelled during the first two weeks of the semester. This will be pushed out to our Scholastic Committee.

Retirement Subcommittee

Roland Guyotte encouraged everyone to read the email from Brian Burnett about the major changes to the retirement program. A representative from Fidelity will be at the Benefits Fair held on campus next Monday, November 4 if you have any questions.

IV. For Information. Update on Public Relations strategy (Jenna Ray, Communications and Marketing)

Jenna Ray walked through the PowerPoint presentation attached to these minutes.

Questions/comments:

- How do faculty find students who have writing skills? Jenna responded that she encourages disciplines to find someone who is interested in writing.
- Will you have more information about steps to take once a student has been identified? Jenna said people can feel free to contact her directly. She will share a short description with all units.
- Appreciate the resume building component for our students but using them as free labor doesn't place a great value on it. Encourage you to think about other ways to do this, perhaps internships or a class so students can get credit. Want to make sure we appreciate their effort.
- Question about the opt-in piece, what if a discipline doesn't have any students, does that mean they won't get any publicity. Jenna said that doesn't mean you won't get any – just not more than you already are. Hopefully we can leverage students who may have multiple majors.

V. Announcements.

Sarah Buchanan announced the the 2019 Barber Lecture will be given by Dr. Brigitte Weltman-Aron, a professor of French and Francophone Studies at the University of Florida. She will be talking about the Algerian novelist, historian and film director Assia Djebar.

On Saturday, November 16, there will be a film festival at the Morris Theatre. Films – short and feature length – will be shown at 10:00am, 1:30pm and 4:00pm. She encouraged everyone to attend as time allows. There will be short discussions after each film.

Barbara Burke, chair of the ad hoc committee on reallocation of committee assignments, reported the group is reviewing year end reports and discussing the reassignment of tasks. If you have concerns or comments, please send those to Barbara at burkebr@morris.umn.edu.

Sam Rosemark, MCSA President, announced the newly elected first year representatives: Cole Maxwell, Shanda Pittman, Lindsey Roemeling, Mariah Turner. They will be joining Campus Assembly committees.

Ted Pappenfus said he was impressed with the Campus Assembly attendance today and noted that this is proof that community hour is working.

VI. Adjournment.

Adjourned at 12:20 pm