

CFR Minutes

CFR Meeting, October 6, 2017

Meeting Time: 9:30-11:30

Present: Michael Berger, Nicole Campbell, Michael Curry, Michael Dunn, Susan Finley, Dawn Garzon Maaks, Dene Grigar, Ed Hagen, Bala Krishnamoorthy, George Newman, Elizabeth Soliday, Stephen Solovitz, and Sara Waters.

Reading of the minutes

- Minutes from 9/22/17 were approved as amended.

Announcements

- The Faculty Senate Chair visit has been confirmed for February 15-16.
- Paul Krouss and Mike Caulfield have been nominated for a Learning Management System Review Committee.
- Tina Old from the Ombudsman Office is interested in visiting campus. Details yet to be confirmed.

Reports from Officers, Boards and Standing Committees

- Campus Council: Nothing to report.
- Faculty Senate and Steering committee: Finley reported recent concerns about two new VP-level positions, about accessibility services for faculty, about the online student course evaluation system, and about who gets to vote in Senate and how best to include part-time faculty voices. The by-laws are being reviewed. (See the 10/20/17 CFR minutes for an update on the new positions.)
- There was discussion about the tendency to expect faculty to solve issues that are better resolved at an institutional level; examples included adding extra statements to syllabi and getting students to submit course evaluations.

New Business

- Electrical engineering minor review: CFR voted to support the minor.
- Proposal to extend English BA to Global: CFR voted that we do not support this proposal until the department consults all other departments that contribute to the major before this proposal is sent to Faculty Senate.
- Proposals to extend History BA and Biology BS to Global: Will be discussed via email.

Old Business

- Inclement weather statement: Discussion of a draft statement for faculty. Further suggestions should be sent to Berger. Continued discussion will occur over email.

Guest: Chancellor Mel Netzhammer

- Discussion focused on:
 - o financial system upgrade

- o wage and raise structure
- o budget update
- o enrollment
- o campus relationship with State Legislature
- o Master plan, housing, building, and accessibility update
- o inclement weather

Minutes submitted by Nicole Campbell, 10/6/17.