

CFR Minutes

CFR Meeting, October 20, 2017

Meeting Time: 9:30-11:30

Present: Michael Berger, Nicole Campbell, Michael Curry, Michael Dunn, Susan Finley, Ed Hagen, Louise Kaplan, Bala Krishnamoorthy, George Newman, Elizabeth Soliday, and Stephen Solovitz.

Reading of the minutes

- Minutes from 10/6/17 were approved as amended.

Reports from Officers, Boards and Standing Committees

- Campus Council: Berger reported that departments have received information about their spending freezes. The campus will be covering some of this freeze centrally.
- Faculty Senate: Finley noted that the two new positions recently of concern to Faculty Senate are in fact not VP-level positions but will be reporting to a Vice President. Other issues discussed at Faculty Senate include: graduate students in some colleges have had their spring semester funding cut; Senate has requested fifteen years of salary information to analyze trends; there is an Understanding Barriers to Research Productivity Taskforce; and CAS faculty are being asked to create 5-year productivity reports without clear communication of what these reports are being used for.
- Strategic Plan Reporting and Coordinating Council: nothing to report.

Announcements

- Curricular change proposal process update: There was discussion about CFR's process for evaluating degree proposals that originate on this campus versus those that originate from another campus. A likely solution will be to add a step in our process for these types of proposals. Further discussion is needed.

New Business

- Agenda items for President Schultz: Will discuss at next CFR meeting.
- FA meeting topic and date: CFR approved having a Faculty Assembly meeting on December 1st. Topic ideas included a report of our meeting with President Schultz, possible bylaw revisions and open discussion.

Guest: VCAA Renny Christopher

- Discussion included:
 - Workload policies and 5-year productivity reports
 - New course schedule implementation and template exception flexibility
 - Blue course evaluations and faculty responsibility for student submissions
 - Criteria for CFR input on campus-wide committees and council nominations
 - Growing number of institutional statements on course syllabi
 - Processes for degree proposals that originate on other campuses

Minutes submitted by Nicole Campbell, 10/20/17