Faculty Senate Meeting held via MS Teams

Feb-15-2021, started at 11:01am

* Proposed Agenda:

Agenda adopted without objection

1. President’s Report – Attached in Files in MS Teams
   * President’s Search is being managed by the Chancellor’s Office - 1st meeting this week. Processes for Acting Provost to be announced. USG Bonuses – Not announced yet – not now. Conversation has begun. Board of Regents will look at it for those who make less than $80K this year. More info to come.
   * Faculty office use for filming – improved communication needed
   * COVID-19 Response – See Report
   * Q’s- Discussion was then held regarding recent filming and the lack of notice. President Hynes will look into this to prevent in the future. New Survey to campus about COVID-19 vaccine is different from Polly Parks’. This is University System to be shared throughout system. Please let them know for rapid access to vaccines.
2. Provost’s Report – Attached in Files in MS Teams
   * Compiled responses of the University system to legislator making request of information. Different methodologies produced different results amongst the schools. We did it by going through course catalog descriptions and not syllabi. About half the schools did it this way.
   * Provost meeting – Don’t know about fall. Planning is to keep the same restrictions.
   * There are lots of changes to program submissions to the Board of Regents. Vice Chairman now reviews them. Data has to include career or employment rates and possible income for that major/program. Review every 7 years? Track employment of our graduates? No one has been doing that. Can get some income info through loans and other info through LinkedIn and surveys.
   * Low enrollment course programs to be reviewed = Low Production Programs.
   * Q’s– There was a large discussion regarding these issues.
3. Standing Committee Reports
   * APC – no news
   * FAC – Working on COVID affect for P&T, Faculty handbook project
   * SAC – no news – working on members
   * UCC – no news
4. COVID-19 update and questions with Jill Lane
   * Dr. Lane is here instead of Polly Parks who is deep in vaccinating clinic today. Jill thanks us and our colleagues for all their efforts. Contact tracing process going along. Please continue to contribute with use of seating charts and other measures. There have been no transmissions during a class period! Masks and mitigation strategies are good. They have voice amplifiers and face shields available.
   * She reported to the Senate and responded to questions regarding the current vaccination program in the campus “closed” pod program for currently eligible campus members in the 1A+ group.
   * If anyone has additional questions, please let Dave know – he will get answers from Jill and Polly. They are VERY busy right now so direct questions to Department Chairs who all participate in the update meetings.
5. Discussion – No Further Discussion

Meeting was adjourned by declaration of the Chair at 12:15pm.