Minutes

Faculty Council Members Present: Joel Bialosky, Amy Cantrell, Lori Altmann, Christine Teeters Myers, John Lednicky, Frederick Kates, Catherine Price
Others in attendance: Dean Michael Perri

1) Dean Perri: Administrative Update
The legislature had passed the budget and the overall details are promising for the University. Specifically, 120 million dollars of new money is budgeted for the University of Florida. A portion of this is to support the Metric that Matter program and will support hiring of new faculty, faculty raises, and graduate student support. 50 million is allotted for “maintenance” with 33 million budgeted for Norman Hall renovations and 17 million for deferred maintenance. The deferred maintenance fees had been budgeted through college taxes so accounting for this through legislature funding will benefit our college. Less promising are a proposed 13 million dollar cut to subsidize UF Health in Gainesville for Medicaid and indigent care, a similar 17 million dollar cut to UF Health in Jacksonville, and a 7 million dollar cut to supplement the College of Medicine. The budget requires the approval of the Governor and still faces the possibility of a veto which could result in significant changes.

2) Review of faculty assignments for PHHP committees
Cate provided a spreadsheet with faculty assignments for PHHP committees by department and this was reviewed for accuracy.

3) Senate voting
Cate provided a spreadsheet with faculty eligible to vote for Faculty Senate organized by department and this was reviewed for completeness. Four candidates from PHHP have agreed to run for the open positions.

4) Offsite work locations
The University has a formal policy for alternate work location. The policy covers individuals working from home as well as those working offsite for extended periods due to sabbatical, grants, etc. Alternate work locations must be approved by Dr. Guzick.

5) June meeting date
Cate’s last meeting as chair will be in June and Volker will succeed her. The availability of Faculty Council members to meet in June is variable. Depending on individual member’s schedules, the meeting may be canceled.

6) Update on Title IX discussion
The University of Florida Title IX coordinator Melissa Nunn provided a presentation to 27 faculty members. Melissa will provide her slides as well as a flowsheet documenting the process for a Title IX referral. These will be placed on the College website when available.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm