Minutes

Faculty Council Members Present: Tracey Barnett, Joel Bialosky, Amy Cantrell, Lori Altmann, Frederick Kates, Volker Mai, Consuelo Kreider, Catherine Price
Others in attendance: Stephanie Hanson

1) Administrative Updates From Dr. Hanson

Dr. Guzick has charged the Deans with developing a travel policy specifying allowable work related travel and the permitted number of days allocated to work related travel. Dean Perri has asked College Chairs to identify department members to form an advisory committee to address this topic.

2) Committee Member Needs

The College committees are in relatively good shape in terms of membership. Tracey has identified a few committees with members completing their terms and will contact these faculty members and their department chairs to determine whether they will continue for another term or the department will replace them on the committee.

3) Faculty Incentive Plan Update

Changes to the incentive plan to recognize faculty teaching in self-funded programs as discussed at previous Faculty Council Meetings has been approved. Conversion of credits to tuition dollars and identifying affected faculty will be done manually and the change will be implemented during the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

4) Faculty Activity Report

Faculty requires an overall satisfactory grade on their annual evaluation to qualify for the incentive plan. A proposed change to the FAR is the addition of an overall summary by the department Chair which would satisfy this requirement.

5) Chair Evaluation
The proposed chair evaluation is under review by human resources. The proposed evaluation would need to be distributed to faculty for review by August 1rst of this year to be used for this year’s chair evaluations. Faculty Council agreed it was best not to rush this process and will plan to implement the evaluation next year.

6) Picnic Update

A poll of faculty was conducted and the general consensus is to continue the annual picnic; however, to hold the picnic at a time other than Homecoming weekend. Most common suggestions for a better alternative were for the picnic to be held on a Friday evening or Saturday in the Spring.

7) Miscellaneous

Volker Mai was nominated to assume the role of Vice Chair of Faculty Council and received unanimous support.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm