

FACULTY COUNCIL

March 8, 2012 MINUTES
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM, Westside D

Attendees: Ross Andel, Mary Armstrong, Tim Boaz, Sarah Desmarais, Robin Ersing, Bill Haley, Wesley Jennings, Nan Park, Christine Sellers

Topic	Discussion	Action
<p>Review of Minutes Feb. 2, 2012 Mtg.</p>	<p>Chair Sellers asked for Council to review Feb 2nd minutes for amendments; Bill Haley made a motion to approve the minutes; Mary Armstrong seconded the motion.</p>	<p>Feb. minutes were approved.</p>
<p>Reconciliation of Non-tenure track promotion guidelines with CBCS Governance Document</p>	<p>Tim Boaz stated that the Dean’s Office had provided a list of faculty by career path; the workgroup is waiting for Cindy Stark to identify additional people on non-tenure lines to serve in the workgroup. He spoke with Dean Batsche who said she had already charged Holly Hills with this task. The Faculty Council agreed to work with Holly Hills on completing the task. Discussion followed and a consensus felt it was important for the new Dean to meet with the Faculty Council on a regular basis for to seek their recommendations and input on all faculty issues.</p>	
<p>Dept/Schools elections for representation on CBCS Faculty Council & college committees</p>	<p>Chair Sellers: It is time to elect new representative to the Faculty Council, need for the departments to identify candidates. Also vacancies on standing committees will need to be filled for next year; a list will be developed to identify the departments with outgoing members and the need for a replacement.</p> <p>Curriculum Committee consists of seven members; currently, 3 are serving 3-year terms and 4 are serving 2- year terms. This will be the first year the procedure will follow the governance document guidelines; therefore, those completing their 2-year term need to be replaced. Current committee members can be re-elected once for a second consecutive 2-year term.</p> <p>Tenure & Promotion Committees are still under old procedures until next year. Any vacancies will follow procedures set forth in the Governance Document.</p>	<p>A list of the depts. who need a representative on all standing committees will be distributed by Sellers.</p> <p>Sellers to send out an email to depts. and faculty asking for nominations of candidates.</p>
<p>Amendments to Governance Document</p>	<p>Chair Sellers passed out a list of the proposed amendments and rationales for the changes that were approved at the Feb. 2 meeting. Faculty have 30 days to review and discuss the amendments within the department and to bring concerns to their unit’s representative on the Faculty Council.</p>	<p>Sellers to send email to all faculty identifying the proposed changes. The information will also be posted on the CBCS website.</p>

<p>Spring Assembly April 24th Atrium</p>	<p>The Spring Assembly is scheduled for April 24th in the Atrium lobby from 2:30-4:00 PM. Ross Andel has an outline of the required agenda items for the assembly. Sellers requested that similar refreshments as last year be served; cookies, water and coffee; approximately 70 people</p>	<p>Andel to send the agenda items from last year to Sellers. Gossage to obtain refreshments</p>
<p>Faculty Concerns about teaching in MHC</p>	<p>Sellers stated a faculty member had brought concerns to her about the lack of technology and IT support in the MHC classrooms. Wanted to know if a plan was in place to update the classrooms. Sellers met with Patty Cleveland to discuss the issues. The classrooms belong to the Dean's Office and not to the Provost's Office; therefore budget for improvements are limited. Discussion followed as to whether to release the classroom space to the Provost's Office or keep within the college. Concerns were raised about the availability to schedule classes within the college if they had Provost control. Everyone felt this is an issue to discuss with the new Dean. Questions of control of classroom space; possibility to select areas to be released to the Provost and the impact of the trade off were discussed further. Dean Batsche confirmed that only the computer lab has IT support from main campus and indicated that it may be possible to designate that only certain classrooms be turned over to the Provost</p>	<p>Sellers to request that Patty Cleveland meet with depts. and WAC to let them know how she could help to identify the needs for the classrooms.</p>
<p>Dean's Report</p>	<p>Dean Batsche: Thanked everyone for their support in contacting legislators regarding the budget cuts. No news about the 2012-13 budget to date; she has asked the Chairs to project a 5% budget reduction for the department. – more to follow. She recommended the departments/schools go forward with their faculty searches to possibly start in August 2012 or even January 2013. The CBCS is in good shape and has met all the goals for enrollment and grants awarded. Reminded everyone that Dean Serovich will be visiting the college on April 10th; she indicated Dean Serovich was wonderful to work with and seemed very calm in spite of all the budget issues. Dean Batsche announced that the University is looking at an upgrade for Blackboard; however, the upgrade is so different from the original version they are also looking at "Canvas" an alternative; this change will occur sometime next year.</p>	
<p>Next Meeting date</p>	<p>Last regular meeting date of the 2011-2012 academic year was set: April 26th 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM in Westside D</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned</p>