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Academic Senate Executive Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2017 (Convened at 12:35pm) in DLC 01

Attendees: Chris Vancil (President), Bill Hirt (Vice President), Andrea Craddock (Secretary), Sean Kenny (At Large), and Jayne Turk (Past President)

A. Approval of Minutes

- ❖ No minutes presented.

B. Discussion Items / Action Items

- ❖ **Formulate Faculty Question for Community Forum for Presidential Candidate Finalists** – Chris Vancil talked to Theresa Richmond regarding the questions that will be asked of the Presidential Candidates during the open forum. She stated that HR has three questions already written that will be asked of each candidate. She indicated that each “group” (faculty, staff, etc...) will be able to submit two questions they want to ask the candidates. Due to time constraints, she said that one of the questions submitted will be asked and the other question will be posed if time permits. Chris thinks we should just submit one important question that we wish to ask the candidates. After much discussion, this is the question formulated by Senate Exec that will be submitted to HR:
 - ***Within the framework of 10 +1, describe your ideal shared governance model?***
- ❖ **Final Exam Schedule for New Calendar** – Bill Hirt sent out an email to faculty asking for their preference regarding the final exam schedule for the new compressed calendar. The first option allowed for 2-hour final blocks similar to the final schedule we currently use. The second option had the final schedule follow a regular class schedule pattern. The third option was no preference. 22 faculty responded: 12 preferred the 2-hour block schedule, 8 preferred a regular class schedule, and 2 had no preference. Given the results, Senate Exec will recommend to the Instruction Council that they adopt a 2-hour block final schedule.
- ❖ **Interdisciplinary Lists / EQ Update from Bill H.** – Bill sent out an email to the English faculty and Senate Exec to get feedback on what degrees they think are necessary to teach Ethnic Studies. Most of the English faculty did not think that having an English

degree made a candidate qualified to teach Ethnic Studies. However, the faculty supported an individual with a Master's degree in Sociology or History to teach Ethnic Studies. Importantly, an individual who just has an equivalency in these disciplines is not qualified to teach Ethnic Studies. Motion to recommend a Master's degree in Sociology or History to teach Ethnic Studies was passed. This information will be given to Brynn Fogerty in HR.

- Bill also mentioned that Curriculum Committee is interested in moving the Nutrition course under the Kinesiology department (this course is currently found under Family & Consumer Science). The Equivalency Committee believes that Nutrition should not be affiliated with the Kinesiology department to prevent anyone unqualified from teaching it. Bill was going to discuss this issue with Dr. Scott. Jayne suggested Bill talk about this matter with Curriculum Committee instead of Dr. Scott. Bill said he would let Dr. Scott know he will work out this matter with Curriculum Committee.
- Bill Hirt said that there is a conflict in the policy outlined in equivalency for CTE courses. In one part of the process, it states that the applicant must have either a Bachelor's degree and two years' experience or an AA with six years' experience. However, in one part of the application process, it focuses on course units completed and not on the breadth of courses completed. In another part of the application process, it focuses on the breadth of courses completed and not on course unit totals. This inconsistency needs to be fixed. Chris encouraged Bill to meet with Theresa about this issue.

C. New Business

❖ Hiring Committee for Sabbatical Replacement in Communications

- A hiring committee for a 1-year temporary full-time communications faculty would include Jayne Turk, Andrea Craddock, and Mike Tischler
- Motion to approve this hiring committee / motion passed

❖ Adjournment at 1:45pm

