

FACULTY COUNCIL
Minutes
Wednesday, December 12, 2012
3:00-5:00 PM – CLC 209, WTC

Members Present: Battaglia, G.; Boller, H.; Bowen, R.; Derhammer, N.; Dominiak, M.; Embrick, D.; Fine, J.; Jay, W.; Jurgensmeier, SJ, C.; Kaplan, D.; Kelly, B.; Kilbane, T.; Lash, N.; Macksey, S.; Miller, H.; Mirza, D.; McNulty, J.; Penckofer, S.; Ramsey, G.; Rose, H.; Ruppman, T.; Ryan, J.; Schneck, M.; Schoenberger, A.; Shanahan, A.; Thiruvathukal, G.; Udo, M.; Woycik, E.

1. Meeting was called to order at 3:05pm by Gordon Ramsey.
2. Invocation – Janice Fine and Charles Jurgensmeier, SJ.
3. Approval of November minutes. Moved: Thiruvathukal; McNulty seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Chair's Report
 - I have sent you a copy of the recommended changes to the Faculty Council bylaws (many thanks to Allen Schoenberger for his expertise). We will discuss these today: the final vote on these changes will be in January. We need a two thirds margin (24 “yay’s”) to pass them.
 - Next semester all of our meetings will take place in CLC 306 at Water Tower Campus.
 - I will send around a copy of the annual goals we arrived at at our retreat in August. We need to decide what we will pursue in the new year, out of that list. (E.g., “overall faculty loads” [not just teaching]).
 - Comment: Council should be aware of possible changes coming in the instructional and research loads at HSD shortly.
 - News from the University Senate: Senate met on 11/16. We approved our bylaws. We also reviewed the report entitled “Positioning Loyola for the Future.”
 - New Faculty Council newsletter will be out soon.
 - News from SSOM/HSD: we are working on videoconferencing for Faculty Council members from Maywood Campus. The new research building is on schedule, but it has been cut back significantly in square footage. Move in is scheduled for summer of 2016.
5. Dean Evaluations (N. Lash)
 - Vicki Keough (SSN) is due for evaluation in the spring. We will use the new evaluation form.
 - Comment: there've been some concerns about the confidentiality of evaluation reports. A “mini-evaluation” was done last year; faculty at the School of Nursing were told that if they did not sign the

evaluations they would be discarded. GR/NL: the reports will be confidential. Only Dean Gamelli will receive the reports.

6. Bylaws Amendments

- Discussion of the amendments.
 - Suggestion: to the wording of all committee charges, add the expression, “The committee will refer such matters to the Faculty Council.”
 - Move the first set of “duties” of the Service Committee to the Faculty Affairs Committee.
 - Discussion of membership of the Academic Affairs Committee.
 - Question: how will the Academic Affairs Committee be operationalized? Will there be conflict/overlap/reduplication with the University Senate? GR: we will cover those policy areas in the “rainbow chart” that bear on faculty concerns. Those items on the chart that are covered by the University Senate can be referred to us by them.
- Further discussion of the bylaw amendments is clearly warranted in January. In January, we will vote on the section of the By-Laws that we have agreed upon here, continue the discussion on committee structure and vote on the corresponding amendments in February.

7. Presentation by Jobeth D’Agostino and Carol Scheidenheim: Online Learning

- We noticed a lack of cohesion in online instruction among different schools of the University. We developed a plan to write a general strategic plan for dealing with online learning across the University including assessments of SWOT: “Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats” – see www.luc.edu/online.
- Definitions of “online,” “hybrid,” “blended” courses – see www.luc.edu/online/online_definitions.html.
- Tuition differences? No -- except for activity fees.
 - Question: Are you aware of the Chronicle of Higher Education article on universities partnering with companies, selling information on students as potential employees. This raises student privacy concerns.
 - Question: Are the University libraries being considered in the online learning strategic plan? JD/CS: yes, they are.

8. Motion to adjourn: Moved (Lash); second (Thiruvathukal). Meeting adjourned 4:38pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Hugh Miller, PhD, Secretary

