Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes  
Room 136 DeBartolo  
March 6, 2018

Summary

1) Report on Sustainability at Notre Dame: Carol A. Mullaney, Sr. Director of Sustainability and Continuous Improvement
   a) Due to illness, this report is postponed until April or May meeting

2) Approval of Minutes of the February 6, 2018 meeting

3) Committee reports
   a) Executive Committee: Senate Role in Governance (BH)
      i) BH reviewed the Faculty Senate role in university governance.

4) Academic Affairs. Chair: Jimmy Gurulé (JG)
   a) The subcommittee had a constructive, substantive discussion of proposals regarding faculty senate engagement on the issue of classified research. A motion was made and passed that the faculty senate should seek further to engage on the process of classified research.

5) Academic Affairs. Chair: Dan Johnson (DJ)
   a) The committee met with Dean Laura Carlson and the faculty experience survey committee, who were seeking feedback on proposed changes to the survey.
   b) Academic freedom roundtable. The committee is seeking to set dates for the event.

6) Benefits. Chair: Nasir Ghiaseddin (NG)
   a) Discussion included the letter Fr. Jenkins sent about the university’s change in policy regarding contraceptives. Not all forms of contraceptives will be approved, so the faculty senate may want to consider providing an opinion on this matter.
   b) A concern was raised about the process of approval and review for medical procedures and medication. NG is seeking input.
   c) The university is selling plots in Cedar Grove Cemetery for faculty and staff.

7) Student Affairs. Chair: David Gasperetti (DG)
   a) Resolutions on the availability of mental health resources for students and faculty education about faculty recognition of concerns are in preparation.
   b) Associate Provost Maura Ryan contacted DG seeking opportunity to speak with the committee about a study of student advising that is coming to a close.

8) New Business
   a) BH was contacted by the Fire Dept requesting faculty representation on a committee studying the use of space heaters on campus. Interested senators or other faculty should contact BH.
   b) Professor Sloan is serving on the bookstore committee and is seeking feedback re: the bookstore renovations.
   c) JG raised a question about the exploration and surveys on the topic of building a parking structure on or near campus.