

Minutes of the Faculty Senate
7:00 pm, Tuesday, 4 March, 2014
Room 140 DeBartolo

Attendees: William Berry, Matthew Capdevielle, Mark Caprio, Jeremiah Castle, Anne Coleman, Xavier Creary, Antonio Delgado, Dennis Doordan, John Duffy, John Gaski, Liangyan Ge, Nasir Ghiaseddin, Alexandra Guisinger, Nancy Joyce, Danielle Joyner, Michael Kirsch, Matthew Leevy, Paul McGinn, Eric Morgan, Hildegund Muller, Walter Nicgorski, Sylwia Ptasinska, Catherine Perry, Dianne Pinderhughes, Kali Rath, Denis Robichaud, Frank Rossi, Salma Saddawi, Joshua Shrout, John Stamper, Marsh Stevenson, Joe Urbany, Sandra Vera-Munoz, Meng Wang, Bruce Williams, Richard Williams

Excused: Karen Buranskas, Martin Haenggi, Michael Hemler, Carolyn Nordstrom,

Absent: Gail Bederman, Anjan Chakravartty, David Gasperetti, George Howard, Linda Major

Meeting began at 7:00.

1. Opening Prayer
2. Introductions
3. Approval of Minutes of the Dec 3, 2013 meeting

The minutes were approved without changes.

4. Chair's remarks

a. Academic Council: There was no January meeting and no Executive Committee meetings from January to March. The issues of importance currently discussed are related to the School of Global Affairs. The Faculty Senate decided that one of its representatives should serve on the Committee for the School of Global Affairs.

b. Mentoring policies: The collection of data on the mentoring policies of Assistant Professors from all departments is nearly complete (all but 7 on 2/28). Academic Affairs is collating and distilling the information; the senate recommended that it also collect data for Associate Professor mentoring.

c. Banking has switched from NDCU to 1st Source in Lafortune; Nancy Majerek, Treasury Manager answered the Chair's questions on the motivations to opt for 1st Source Bank.

d. Benefits: The Benefits Committee is scheduled to meet Chris Maziar on 3/21.

e. Academic Affairs: There is a proposal for a new MS in Historic Preservation in the School of Architecture

5. Committee on Student Affairs: Resolution on Graduate Student teaching

- a. John Gaski made a short introduction for the resolution, asking to wave its reading.
 - b. Jeremiah Castle, the graduate student representative, made a short presentation on the rationale for the resolution.
 - c. The Faculty Senate discussed the nature of the resolution, as well as graduate student teaching at Notre Dame.
 - d. It was suggested that only Departmental Chairs and Directors of Graduate Studies should be included in the document among the resolution's intended audience (instead of also including Deans, Graduate School, of chairs, directors of undergraduate and directors of graduate studies).
 - e. The undergraduate representative, Nancy Joyce, voiced her opinion on why the undergraduates are not in favor of the resolution.
 - f. A motion to support the resolution passed. (4 objections; 2 abstentions; all others voted in favor of the resolution).
6. Committee Meetings began at 7:25.
7. Committee Reports:
- a. Academic Affairs – Room 140
 - Presentation by Gretchen Reydams-Schils on Arts and Letters Working Group on Faculty-Initiated Internationalization Projects
 - The Committee reviewed the AL Faculty-Initiated Internationalization Projects. The Working Group is still in its consulting phase. It is presently drafting a document that will be sent to the Faculty Senate for comments.
 - The Committee voted in favor of endorsing the MS in Historic Preservation in the School of Architecture.
 - b. Administrative Affairs – Room 136
 - Following the advice of Patricia Bellia, head of ND's faculty board of athletics, the Committee declined to join the Committee of Intercollegiate Faculty Alliance. This item will be on the agenda for Senate discussion next meeting.
 - c. Benefits – Room 131
 - The Committee will meet with Chris Maziar at the end of the month to know what information the Faculty Senate can receive regarding pay scales at Notre Dame.
 - d. Student Affairs – Room 138
 - No new business beyond the previous resolution on graduate student teaching.
8. New Business
- A Faculty Senator related that many people were not able to use the card that was circulated by the University's health care provider for contraceptive access, and were therefore not able to access birth control according to the established policy.
 - The Benefits Committee will check with Denise Murphy why there is a problem.
9. Next Meeting, 7:00 pm, Tuesday, April 1, 2014; 140 DBRT

10. Adjournment

The faculty senate adjourned at 8:54.