

Faculty Senate Executive Meeting

August 17, 2022, 2:00-3:30 pm

I. Call to order/ Roll Call- N. Epps

- Agenda approval- **Approved**

II. Opening Remarks: FS Senate Chair Dr. L. Githinji

- Delivered

III. Ratification of the new FS Secretary and FPC Chair

- Dr. Edwards informed the FS Chair that it is his responsibility to appoint the Secretary so that does not have to be ratified. We need to identify an Assistant Secretary.
- FPC – the slate presented to the Exec. Comm. and voted on. Since the former FPC Chair, Dr. Temu's time was up as a Senator, he recommended Dr. Taghavi to serve as the new chair. The slate to be presented on the Faculty Senate meeting for a vote.

IV. Priority Issues for Faculty Senate

A. "New" CDC guidelines:

Students, faculty member or staff who have been exposed to Covid do not have to quarantine

- **Dr. Mihaly and Dr. Edwards-** Will students have to show proof of a positive test in order for faculty to provide accommodations? Students have to report to Student Health who will. In turn provide an exemption letter. Further discussion will be raised with administration (Dr. R. Corley) on Friday.
- **Prof. Epps -** What is the process if faculty, instructors are exposed, do they go get tested? Is testing still being done in Whiting Hall? **YES**

B. Climate survey and pay equity implementation s guidelines and timelines:

Dr. Palm will provide a better timeline.

Dr. Dandridge: Are there any results recorded from the survey a few months ago? There was a report presented at the Board of Visitors. We will ask admin to provide us with a report and answer a few more questions.

C. Progress of previously approved policy documents...

Overall objective is to get the approval and add it to the faculty handbook.

Dr. Edwards: Do these policies have to go to the board? **FS Chair:** Initially after discussing with the provost, some of them may not need the Board's approval as long as they have the three levels of signing and presented to Dr. Palm. **Dr. Edwards:** these policy approvals have been at a stand till for quite some time (possibly the 3rd year). The Provost stated they were approved but there is no written document.

Dr. Mihaly: Curriculum changes have not been added to the catalog in over a year. Can we ask for clarification on that process? There are items that have been approved but are not showing in the catalog yet. There are course listings incorrect in Banner as well. **Dr. Barringer-Brown:** We (CAIC) are working on a timeline table for all approvals and a more secure process.

Dr. Githinji: suggested having a special meeting to discuss the CAIC process. Further suggested an active engagement of the catalog sub-committee to ensure the approved documents are reflected in the catalog.

D. Strategies to remove VSU from AAUP Censure: Shared an article pertaining to the faculty dismissal procedure. Asked for any recommendations. Dr. Edwards informed us of information being sent to the Provost who in turn, did not respond. Dr. Barringer-Brown as the President of the VSU Chapter of AAUP. Will contact Dr. Taylor for more background on strategies previously implemented but dropped off.

E. Title IX and Mental Health Counseling Statements on course syllabi

Dr. Edwards noted that the phone number for the suicide hotline on the statement is incorrect. It should be 988. **Dr. Robertson** suggested edits for the second sentence of the statement.

F. Plans to roll out the electronic A21

Dr. Githinji: This is one of the major bottlenecks when hiring personnel. **Prof. Jackson:** This is also a challenge for faculty with summer pay, bonuses, or supplemental pay.

V. Standing committee

What activities do you plan to add for this year?

- a) **CAIC- Nothing to add**
- b) **FPC- No Chair yet**
- c) **AEC- Faculty development programs**
- d) **SPC-** Please request the Provost to respond to the recommendations that were sent back in May 2022. Would like to know how has the university's administration received recommendations for 2022-2023.
- Complete the composition of the committee to replace those who are no longer members.
- e) **JCSL-** Nothing to report
- f) **PEC-** Nothing to report
- g) **TC-** Will provide results of the survey that was finalized in May '22. Survey was for general assessment and the imaging plan for the new building. Waiting for the committee to bring issues about classroom technology.
- h) **NEC-** This committee is short 2 members, one from Business and one from Health and Natural Sciences. Please let me know if you know of anyone who wants to be on the committee.
Lynch- wants to know if access to faculty has been resolved.

VI. Approval of Agenda: Tracy Jackson edited the draft for the Meeting Agenda

- Questions: Should the pay equity committee stay in place? Majority were of the opinion that committee should remain active.
- Voting of the Faculty Senate Agenda – **Approved**

VII. Old Business -none

VIII. New Business -none

IX. Meeting Adjourned