

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 4, 2021

Members Present: Aaron Retish, Christopher Trentacosta, Charles Parrish, Fatih Celiker, Smiti Gupta, Ed Golenberg, Lara Jones, Jeff Grynawski, Leisa Kauffmann, Lori Pile, Lisa Ze Winters, Charles Klahm, Tom Killion, Victor Figuero, Yuson Jung, Zachary Brewster

Attending: Stephanie Hartwell, Claudio Verani, Heather Dillaway, Ken Jackson, Caroline Brzuchowski, Rohini Kumar, Liang Hu, Donna Kashian, Dawn Niedermiller, Riya Chhabra, Marcella Eid, Mel Mills, Nathan Chavez

Absent without Notice: Clayton Walker, Eric Kessell

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 9:00 am

The minutes of the February 4, 2021 meeting were approved.

Curriculum Matters:

- Program change proposal: Mathematical Statistics MA – vote and approved
- CIP code change proposal: Mathematical Economics BA – voted and approved
- Program change proposal: BS in Environmental Sciences – voted and approved

Report on Academic Senate (by Tom Killion)

- Amanda Bryant-Friedrich, dean of the graduate school, presented and discussed her vision including diversity inclusion and equity and bringing those values to the grad school and her approaches to those values. Dean Bryant discussed the following:
 - Concern regarding the decline of international students – due to the pandemic and other trends that have appeared during the last 4 years
 - Almost 70% of the grad student body are largely unsure of how to pay their tuition, this will be a topic of great importance to the grad school
 - Wants to increase the master's programs that are being offered
 - Standardizing grad faculty status by being more inclusive as possible, and the categories that are being used to determine status.
 - Internships are adjunct to graduate education, and the programs that are already in place and expanding those initiatives.
 - There was much discussion regarding Rumbles and tuition issues (more info to follow)
- The University's DEI committee will now include two Academic Senators.
- The provost attended and gave updates on the pandemic at WSU and the updates on distribution of the vaccine.

Course Info Matrix (CIM) Presentation – proposed in 2019 to have syllabi included on the course schedule. CIM will be accessible via Canvas so that students can view course materials for each course, the faculty member has full control of what information will be placed for the course description. This initiative is still in trial format, the academic senate will review soon before it is ready for the faculty to upload information.

Dean's updates:

- Mark L. Kornbluh, will be the incoming Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs from the University of Kentucky
- Vice President for Finance search is in progress (RCM talks have stalled at this time)
- DEI has met and the discussion is to include these initiatives (diversity, inclusion and equity) in teaching, and other areas of the college and the methods to make it happen.
- Ad-hoc recruitment committee has been formed to include faculty and others, and will meet soon.
- Furloughs will continue through September.
- Lecturer renewals will be done April – August, waiting for enrollment data.
- Program reviews were completed – Linguistics, Anthropology, Physics and Astronomy
- New internships: Pontiac School Music Dept., Detroit Historical Society, Detroit Public Library
- MI Space Grant Consortium was awarded – we will have students whose parents that are incarcerated visit our exhibits and museums to tour WSU during the summer
- Global Learning Faculty Fellows – these applications were due 3/15/2021

Meeting Adjourned at 10:30 am