Minutes

ULM Faculty Senate

February 23, 2017

12:30 PM Walker 1-111

Senators Present: Roger Carpenter, Melanie Chapman, Lyle Holin, Cecil Hutto, Kioh Kim,

Connie Lewis, David McGraw, Heather Pilcher, Savannah Posey, Will Rogers, Joshua Stockley, Vonny Thorton, Emad El-Giar, Tina Mullone

Senators Absent: Claire Vangelisti\*, Paul Weidemier\*, Adam Pate

Call to Order 12:31pm

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes
   1. November 17, 2016
   2. January 26, 2017
      1. Rogers/McGraw
3. University Library Committee report- John Anderson and Cynthia Robertson
   1. De-selection should be done by July 2017 if you have questions please contact Interim Dean: Cynthia Robertson
   2. Digital Library
      1. 79 databases through Louis Consortia
      2. 6 through mini-consortia
      3. Also purchased additional resources to meet needs of our programs i.e. EBSCO
   3. Please encourage students to use these resources, on the library webpage there is a directory of departmental librarians that can instruct your class on how to use specific databases
   4. Inter-library loans are available if there is something not available that you need
   5. Will textbooks be available?
      1. In some cases but there is no official budget for textbooks
   6. De-selection lists are no longer created, the library is going through the lists on their own
4. Committee reports
   1. Academic Standards
      1. No report
   2. Constitution and By-Laws
      1. No report
   3. Faculty Welfare
      1. New hirers having issues with payroll and HR
      2. Bill Graves usually does a good job responding to issues if we can address complaints to him
      3. Still no information for payroll change to date
   4. Fiscal Affairs
      1. In area of fiscal development LA legislature reached an agreement and signed a bill on 2/22/17, which states no official cut to higher education
      2. Next session will meet in ~30 days
      3. Budget stabilization is something the governor is pushing for
   5. Elections Committee
      1. No report
   6. Ad hoc handbook committee
      1. The faculty handbook is getting looked at for the final time, should be done by the end of March and published on the website
      2. There was a recommendation to provide a permanent university handbook committee to review things annually i.e. broken links
         1. They will not change policy or significant content
5. ExComm meeting summary
   1. Faculty workload
      1. Important themes brought up from discussion of faculty workload
         1. How is this going to be implemented
            1. Trying to make sure workload equitable and balanced
         2. How do we count studios, labs, recitals etc.
            1. Individual discussion
   2. Sushma presented a website design for all faculty members that have an affiliation with graduate programs
      1. The idea is to have a faculty webpage that is consistent and aesthetically pleasing
      2. Will pull information from the FAD so faculty will not have to update
6. New Business
   1. University response to Act 619
      1. Official document sent
      2. Creation of new degrees will be scrutinized heavily
   2. Approval of faculty workload policy
      1. The Deans have approved it
      2. Motion to approve policy as is
         1. Rogers/Chapman
            1. Opposed 1
            2. Approved 10
   3. Academia.org
      1. Craft a statement in support of academic freedom
      2. AUP has a statement
         1. Welfare committee will look at handbook to determine if there is language to defend faculty
7. Adjournment

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| \*Indicates excused absence  Name/Name indicates moved/seconded |