

Faculty Senate Faculty Only Meeting
Monday, May 12, 2016
Minutes--corrected

Attended: K. Taylor, D. Clough, S. Valente, Hien Nyugen, M. Majeski, K. Pelletier
H. Burt, A. Coleman, J. Seabury, J. Harding, Jenna Barry

Absent: J. Wampler, S. Anderson, K. Rotella, S. Wood

Called to Order: 12:45 p.m.

1. The new senators were welcomed.
2. Outgoing President Kathy Taylor announced that the One Book Discussion for the next academic year will be *The Other Wes Moore*, which she expects will lead to an interesting series of conversations about topics like recidivism and the role of fathers.
3. Kathy also reported that President DeFilippis has asked for the Faculty Senate to create a budget that can be put as a line item in the college budget. Sandra Valente reported that there was such a line item when she was president of the Senate and offered to share the information from her budget with the incoming president, David Clough, and the Senate. Discussion followed regarding how much to ask for in the budget:
 - Kathy said she was thinking for an amount around \$3,000 per year.
 - One expense the Faculty Senate has budgeted for in the past is Adjunct award, but the Senate didn't award any last year over concerns about what criteria to use in place of it being a popularity contest. It was agreed that there should be some recognition and that there should be monies included for it in the budget. Further discussion to follow when the new Faculty Senate resumes in the fall.
 - Another suggested budget item was for books for discussion, funded by the Senate, and/or for a keynote speaker to keep up the momentum started with the book discussion and speech by Michael Roth. It was suggested that perhaps the Faculty Senate could team up with the Center For Teaching in sponsoring such a book discussion and keynote speaker.
 - Another item suggested as part of the budget was setting aside funds for collegiality activities .
4. Althea reported that the Associate Dean of the LABSS division as well as some faculty members are very concerned about the Faculty Senate's decision to have representation by previous divisions, that is to have both BSS and LA representatives. Althea reported that she explained that the decision to keep representatives from the old divisions predates the actual creation of the combined division, but that the feeling of the LABSS Associate Dean was that such a representation plan works against division unity and that she strongly encourages the Senate to revisit the way representatives from her division are chosen.

- After some discussion about the rationale for keeping the current representation structure, it was agreed to table this discussion until Fall 2016 when the governance structure in general will be a focus area for discussion.

6. Incoming Faculty Senate President David Clough described a modification of the president's term to two years, with a return of the office of Vice President. Such a modification, if approved by the Faculty Senate, would begin with the next election as he will serve out his one-year term under the current structure.

7. As required by the Faculty Senate Constitution, nominations were then taken for the vacant positions of President Elect and Secretaries.

- Kathy Taylor and Sandy Valente accepted nominations for President elect.
- Kate Pelletier, Althea Coleman, Jason Seabury, and Jenna Barry accepted nominations for co-secretary.
- There was a brief discussion of the roles of these officers, and then the vote was taken.
- The new President-elect for the 2016-2017 academic year will be Kathy Taylor.
- The new co-secretaries are Jenna Barry and Kate Pelletier.

8. There was no new business.

Next planned Meeting: Friday, September 16, 2016

Meeting Adjourned: 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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