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TO: Faculty, Staff and Administrators
FROM: Carla Mandell
Executive Administrative Assistant, Office of the Provost
RE: September 16, 2014 Faculty Meeting Minutes

Approval of the Agenda

Prof. Howard called the meeting to order on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 12:30 p.m. in the Kanbar Performance Space. Dr. Howard explained the new process of using Adobe Connect for remote faculty. Microphones will need to be used.

The agenda was approved.

Approval of the Minutes of the May 15, 2014 Full Faculty Meeting

Prof. Howard asked for any corrections to the minutes of the May 15, 2014 faculty meeting; no corrections were made, thus, the minutes were approved.

Reports of the Provost / Dean of Faculty

Provost

Prof. Susan Frosten

Professor Frosten expressed Dr. Swearer's regrets for not being in attendance, he is in Como, Italy with a group of academics working on a book.

Susan read the list of 2014 – 15 promotions and sabbaticals.

Nexus Learning Space Initiative – Jeff Ashley has been named the Coordinator of the Nexus Learning Spaces. An email will be sent out with more information. Reminder of the Faculty Social – Sept. 26th 3:30 – 5:30 pm in the Nexus Classroom in Hayward 111.

Faculty Voices

Dr. Howard gave a story of the speaking stick. We are encouraging patience as we move the microphone around the room. Please identify yourself.

Prof. Marcia Weiss – there are not designated spaces for students to pray. She has been hearing this concern.

Prof. Chad White – Compliment to those creating a new calendar for the university community. It is an easy system to use. Expressed a concern for places to promote field trips or other events. Student Experiences is also concerned about this. Pat Baldrige responded that PR and Tim Butler are looking at various systems to use – News Ticker, Social Media options. Please email PR with any suggestions you may have.

Prof. Rob Fleming – A motion had failed at the end of last year in AOOO due to lack of faculty voting for or against. Dr. Howard and Dr. Swearer are looking at ways to ensure this doesn't happen.

Reports of Standing Committee:

Shared Governance

Dr. Nancy Howard

Dr. Howard discussed the survey of the Shared Governance and what to do going forward. It has been chosen to send the survey back to the committees to come up with solutions to solve what isn't working. The committees have been asked to report back at the November meeting.

We noted that there were no policy & procedure manuals for committees for the university or the colleges. Each of the chairs are being asked to develop these manuals and bring back a draft back to the SGC this fall for a release in January.

The Faculty Manual has been distributed and breakout meeting to gather feedback will happen following today's meeting. The top 10 topics will be discussed.

The Library Advisory sub-committee was approved and will be part of the University Resources Committee.

More is needed within the standing committees with the Graduate levels. A committee dealing with the infrastructure of graduate education will be a subcommittee of Shared Governance. Any proposals will be routed to the appropriate standing committees for approval.

Prof. Kimmelman mentioned that the current chairs will be inviting the former chairs to meet in order to assist in the survey feedback and possible solutions. Prof. Kimmelman asked if the Faculty Council would be charged going over certain sections of the Survey for feedback. Dr. Howard explained the Shared Governance structure and the Faculty Council section. Dr. Howard responded that she will bring the question back to SGC – Faculty Council.

Faculty Council

Dr. Nancy Howard

Dr. Howard read the list of faculty elected to the standing committees.

Special Reports:

Title IX

Dean Mark Govoni

Dean Govoni introduced the Title IX coordinators: Mark Govoni, Kathy Flannery and Beth Shepard-Rabadam.

Title IX website has been updated and asked that the faculty familiarize themselves with the information on [Title IX](#).

Faculty and Staff are obligated to report any issue brought to their attention to Dean Govoni's office. Faculty cannot guarantee confidentiality, however, if confidentiality is needed refer to Health Services or to Counseling.

The website has an FAQ section that can answer many questions for a student as well as faculty member.

Domestic Violence and Stalking are now part of our Title IX reporting regulations. This is due to the public focus. Dean Govoni gave several examples.

Pat Thatcher announced that Faculty will be invited to a workshop on The Clery Act on September 30, 2014.

Career Services

Tracy DePedro, Director

Tracy introduced the staff of the Career Services and their roles.

New business

Introduction of New Faculty

CABE – Executive Dean Klinkhammer announced 3 visiting faculty

SDE - Dean Leonard announced 3 new faculty

SBA – Associate Dean Russel announced 1 new faculty

CSHLA – Executive Dean Baker announced 8 new faculty

Prof. Pastore asked two questions via remote access – Organization of the Faculty and the 2/3 vote. Dr. Howard responded to bring up as new business next time.

Faculty Manual Revision & Faculty Input

Provost's Office

Faculty Manual draft was submitted to faculty in early August 2014 for comments. Beth Shepard-Rabadam explained the process that led to the draft. Fourteen faculty attended and provided comments during the Drop In meetings. Additionally, there will be a breakout session following this meeting. BSR provided a summary of the comments received to date.

Report of the President

Dr. Stephen Spinelli

Dr. Spinelli discussed the intense opening to the 2014-15 year: Nexus Maximus being a global expansion of our Nexus Learning concept. The opening of the Specter Center – a building to inspire. Trustee Advance created a buy-in for the future of higher education and how PhilaU will fit. This followed by the Campaign Celebration, paid for by the Trustees. Raised over \$59 million which surpassed the campaign goals. Fundraising will still continue. \$5.7 million was allocated to Faculty Research.

Enrollment numbers will be reported around October 1st. Dr. Spinelli is looking forward to this meeting. Goals are being met, not all, but many of them.

Announcements:

Prof. Stan Gorski announces new Library staff and Design Center.

Jesse Shafer, VP of Development thanked the faculty for the fundraising support.

DR Widder, VP of Innovation thanked faculty involved in Nexus Maximus: 33 teams of students – 180 students, 27 faculty, 25 workshops, 12 disciplines collaborated. Interest in doing it again – contact the Deans

Sue Calder announced new faculty in CPS.

Adjourned at 2:05 pm.