MUSKINGUM UNIVERSITY
FACULTY MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, March 29, 2011
TIME: 11:00 a.m.
PLACE: BSC 336
PRESIDING: Paul Reichardt, VPAA

1. Invocation was given by Will Mullins, University Chaplain.

2. Minutes of February 22, 2011 meeting were approved.

3. Agenda of March 29, 2011 meeting was approved after amendment to reverse items 8 and 9.

4. Report from President Anne Steele

Faculty participants were commended for their great performances in William Shakespeare’s A Midsummer Night’s Dream held on Saturday, March 26, 2011 at 7 p.m.

The candidates for Vice President for Academic Affairs have met with the Board of Trustees. The final reference call is late this afternoon and the hope is to have an announcement by the Board of Trustees’ meeting on April 15, 2011.

5. Report from Faculty Affairs Committee
Three names were presented by the Faculty Affairs Committee for Honorary Degrees:
Marshall Phelps, J.D., for Doctor of Humane Letters degree
Glenn Hodges, M.D., for Doctor of Humane Letters degree
Demetrios Lignos, for Doctor of Science degree.
The Honorary Degrees were approved unanimously.

6. Joy Cronin, Senior Associate Registrar, presented the candidates for baccalaureate degrees at the end of Spring 2011 semester. Mrs. Cronin explained those on the list may not complete all degree requirements. The names on the list and others who are certified as completing all degree requirements were approved unanimously.

7. Proposals from Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
The proposal to approve the Criminal Justice minor was approved unanimously.

8. Dr. Steve McGuire and Dr. Melissa Conroy announced The Appalachian Edge Movie Festival coming to campus beginning Monday, April 11, 2011, with the final concert on Saturday, April 16, 2011. Brief movie clips were presented as a preview of the festival. The Director of Passenger Pigeons, Martha Stephens, will be a guest lecturer on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in BSC 336. The campus community is invited to this unique experience. Dr. Reichardt stated he hoped this becomes an annual event at Muskingum.
9. Dr. Laura Hilton brought to the faculty’s attention new federal regulations regarding textbook selection and notification of students. In addition, students are to be given additional options besides paperback books. This law is linked to institutional eligibility for federal student aid. The Muskingum policy will be reviewed by Senior Staff and should mention Sector 2 and Summer Programs.

This item was tabled so that additional information could be gathered. Another discussion will take place at the April faculty meeting.

10. The Department Modern Languages will become The Department of World Languages effective at the beginning of the 2011-2012 academic year. This change reflects the department’s interest in expanding its offerings to non-European languages and the fact that all languages currently taught are worldwide languages.

11. The Social Science Division announced the creation of the Department of Health Science. This is not an Interdisciplinary major. Physical Education will remain in Education Division. The Allied Health major will be a part of this new department.

12. Report from Mr. Gene Alesandrini, Faculty Executive Secretary

A report to the Board of Trustees is being prepared and will be distributed for faculty review in a timely manner.

The Benefits Advisory Committee has met and there will be a hefty premium increase. You are encouraged to talk to your PRC representative and there may be a Faculty Forum in April to discuss options.

13. Report from Dr. Paul Reichardt, Vice President for Academic Affairs

Faculty are encouraged to attend the Faculty Development/Student Success Workshop on Tuesday, April 5. This workshop will be a report from the LAE Assessment Review Task Force. All faculty should attend this important discussion of this committee’s work. An executive summary will be distributed to every faculty member. This will involve the core of what we will be presenting to the Higher Learning Commission about learning assessment in a few years.

To sustain and expand undergraduate research, a Coordinator of Undergraduate Research has been created. Undergraduate research is healthy, but it could be expanded. Dr. Bil Kerrigan will be promoting Distinction in the Major Capstone, Muskie Summer Fellowships, and various celebrations that take place on campus to encourage participation in undergraduate research.

Congratulations to Dr. Linda Morrow, who has been selected for a Women of Achievement Award by the Muskingum County YMCA. She joins three other faculty
members who have been recognized with Women of Achievement awards: Laura Schumann, Cindy Wilkins, and Cassandra McDonald are past recipients.

Congratulations to Dr. Amy Bosworth for being selected to participate in an Art History Seminar sponsored by the Council of Independent Colleges at the High Museum of Art in Atlanta, Georgia.

Before leaving, Dr. Reichardt plans to meet with each department to review the past 5 years. This information will be shared with the new VPAA.

Meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Submitted by Danielle White, Administrative Assistant to the VPAA