FACULTY MEETING MINUTES

DATE: March 24, 2015
TIME: 11:00 am.
PLACE: BSC 336
PRESIDING: James Callaghan, Vice-President for Academic Affairs

1. Invocation -- Will Mullins, Chaplain

2. Minutes, February 17, 2015 meeting approved.


4. President’s Report, President Steele applauded and congratulated faculty on their hard work and dedication on Gen Ed. President Steele discussed Moody’s report regarding credit ratings of colleges and universities. President Steele discussed how Muskingum has created a unique and sustainable financial model, that the university serves students that are financially challenged, invests mightily in new facilities while remaining debt free, and that the university has also generated significant financial support from alums. Muskingum University has a tremendous impact on its students. The new Gen Ed program helps with costs and savings to students by making their education more affordable and accessible to students.

5. Reports, General Education Task Forces

   • LAE Task Force, Dr. Paul Szalay stated the report is done and has been submitted to both VP’s. The taskforce will prepare a presentation for the faculty to review.
   • General Education Learning Outcomes and Assessment, Dr. Todd Lekan reminded faculty that this plan recommendation marks a shift in the way we assess information and it directly follows the recommendations made by faculty with input from HLC.

6. Faculty Affairs Committee, Dr. Deepa Perera, Chair

   A. Honorary Degree Recommendations approved.

7. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Recommendations -- Dan Wilson, Registrar

   A. List of Potential 2015 Graduates (Attachment C. Distributed via Email)
      Approved.

   B. Consider proposal from the Political Science department to:
      Add POLS 151: Introduction to International Relations to the International Perspectives category of the Gen Ed. (Attachment D)
      Approved.

   C. Consider Assessment Plan Recommendations presented by the General Education Learning Outcomes and Assessment Task Force. (Attachment E)
      Discussion. Previous question called. Approved. Vote by faculty. Approved.
8. Request for faculty to charge the UCC with developing and proposing a plan to improve student success in the Quantitative Reasoning category of the Gen Ed requirements. Discussion. Motion to refer this to be heard before a faculty forum. Original request to have this matter placed on agenda withdrawn.

9. Report, Faculty Executive Secretary, Dr. Stephen Van Horn stated there would be a Faculty Forum. Details on date and time to follow. Reminder to send any items to FES for Board Report.

10. Report, Vice-President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Callaghan reminded faculty that Scholarship Recognition Day is April 10th at 3:15pm. Proposals for Learning Communities are due April 10th. FYS Mentor applications are due April 13th. The Senior Art Show will be held in the Palmer Gallery beginning April 9th. Final request for items for the April Board Report. Jeff Zellers sends his thanks to faculty for their help with Scholarship Days and asked faculty members to reach out to students that they had interacted with.

11. Announcements: None.

12. Adjourned 12:05 pm.