MUSKINGUM UNIVERSITY
FACULTY MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, October 26, 2010
TIME: 11:00 a.m.
PLACE: BSC 336
PRESIDING: Paul Reichardt, VPAA

1. Invocation was given by Rick Nutt, Professor of Religion.

2. Minutes of September 24, 2010 meeting were approved with one opposed.

3. Agenda of October 26, 2010 meeting was approved unanimously.

4. President Steele was not able to attend the meeting, but she sent her best wishes.

5. Dr. Walter Huber for the Assessment Committee presented a proposal that modifies the Liberal Arts Essentials Assessment Plan. After discussion, the modified plan was approved unanimously.

6. Dr. Mark Stambush presented for the Professional Development Committee a revision to the description of the Interdisciplinary Committee Functions for the APAP. After discussion, an amendment was made and approved (with 2 opposed) to change the wording under Membership, d. from “may” to “shall”. This review process parallels the final review performed by the Curriculum Committee and includes both existing courses and programs. The amended proposal was defeated by a hand vote of 36 opposed and 25 in favor.

7. Muskingum, Morgan, and Perry Counties United Way representatives Chad Daniels and Larry Triplett discussed that the investment that faculty can make in this philanthropic campaign. The representatives thanked Muskingum for all that it has given to the community. Danny Ingold is the contact person for faculty contributions.

8. Mr. Gene Alesandrini extended his apologies for the late submission of his Board of Trustees Report to faculty. He encouraged colleagues to express concerns or issues to him as Faculty Executive Secretary. All comments will be held in confidence.

Mr. Alesandrini also encouraged colleagues to serve on board committees. The importance of the board committees and the involvement of board members in these committees should be recognized by faculty.

9. Dr. Paul Reichardt reported that an LAE Transfer Task Force has been created. Faculty and staff on this committee are Joy Cronin, Jerry Martin, Larry Normansell, David Rodland, Cindy Wilkins, and Jeff Zellers. The purpose of this task force is to position Muskingum University more strategically as a receiving institution for transfer students, especially students who have earned an associate degree; to minimize or eliminate LAE barriers to completion of the bachelor’s degree within a reasonable length of time; and to preserve some distinct element or elements of the Muskingum Liberal Arts Essentials curricular experience for transfer students. Draft recommendations will be forward to divisions and may be a topic for a Faculty Forum.
Dr. Reichardt also reported an LAE Assessment Review Taskforce has been created. Faculty and students on this committee are Seth Barrett, Beth Butler, Peter Gosnell, Jeff Harman, Laura Hilton, Joe Nowakowski, Toyin Osunsanya, Sandra Schroer, Eric Schurter, and Tessa Vinson. Laura Hilton has agreed to lead the taskforce. The purpose of this task force is to review carefully the evidence gathered for the past two years by the LAE assessment process and respond to such questions as:

1. Does evidence collected over the past two years confirm the proposition that the LAE is meeting its four major goals?
2. Does the evidence support the idea that the four LAE goals are viable, capable of being met, and are appropriate reflections of the current LAE curriculum?
3. Is there evidence of continuous improvement in course content and/or instruction in the LAE courses assessed?

Dr. Reichardt reminded faculty of the upcoming Sabbatical Seminar on October 28, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. in Boyd Science Center 336 with the following presenters:

Dr. Alistair Hattingh, "Argentine Politics, 1930-1943"
Dr. Toyin Osunsanya, "Characterization of the effects of Carvacrol, Thymol, and T-Cymene on the food pathogen Bacillus Cereus"
Dr. Deepa Perera, "Protein Engineering of the Adenylate Kinase Enzyme."

Meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Submitted by Danielle White, Administrative Assistant to the VPAA