UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Monday, August 22, 2016

3:30PM – 105 Hullihen Hall

AGENDA

1. General Faculty Meeting in Fall and conflict for Assanis for October meeting due to NAE induction ceremony. Discussions on possibly moving General Faculty Meeting to September just before the Senate meeting. Reception for Senators after the meeting. Prasad will report on discussions with Assanis.

2. Discussion of Agenda for the first Fall Senate meeting on September 12. Draft of Agenda prepared by Karren, Martha and Prasad on Mon 8/15 meeting includes: Adoption of Agenda, Approval of May 2 minutes, Remarks by Provost Grasso, (Introduction of UD President?), Announcements, Consent Agenda (none), Regular Agenda (Unfinished Business and New Business), Presentations, Introduction of New Business.

Request by Pam Cook for a ten minute presentation by the ADVANCE institute about their activities.

Open Hearing Announcement - St. Patrick’s Day Task Force

Should we ask Board Chair or BOT member to give a brief talk at the Senate meeting?

If the meeting is too short, we could consider an "Open Discussion Period". Potential topic suggested by Martha Buell: "What is the best way to evaluate quality and value of faculty contributions? Do the Academic Analytics metrics capture the diverse contributions of faculty in various disciplines?"

Please note that Announcements and Presentations will be moved to later in the Agenda for the coming academic year. The Senate Business will be conducted first and then we will take care of announcements and presentations.

3. Update on Election of Faculty Senate Secretary to replace Mia Pappas. Open call for nominations and efforts to recruit candidates. (Martha Buell will double up as Parliamentarian for upcoming academic year. Review of History of Parliamentarian by Karren).

4. Update on Tenure-Track Commission progress by Martha Buell, co-chair of TT Commission
5. Formalization of the Process for Selection of Senate Committee Chairs: Should not be by appointment. Should be vetted by COCAN and Executive committee and possibly endorsed by the whole Senate (attachment).

6. Update of Discussion on Possible Restructuring of Senate Committees: Chris Williams COCAN chair. Academic Affairs Committee did not meet last year. What are the important committees, which committees could be consolidated together with others, etc.

7. Senate Budget: $12,430. Update by Martha Buell on moving International Film budget via Juliette to under the office of Carol Henderson. Update by Prasad on eliminating 8K charge for podcasts, increasing Senate budget, etc.

8. Slides for New Faculty Orientation talk on Thursday, August 25th at 2:25 pm

9. Update on informal meeting of Former Senate Presidents Group with Executive Committee: First meeting on Monday, August 29th, Location??

10. Senate Annual Awards for "Excellence in Research and Scholarship". This will be in addition to the annual Senate awards for Excellence in Teaching and Excellence in Advising, etc. Idea came from Charlie Riordan and he is willing to fund it.

11. Clickers; Test at first Senate meeting with borrowed clickers and if the test works, the future Clickers Purchase will be funded by Provost. Update Exec. on meeting with Provost.

12. Senate Sakai Site: (for all Senators) and possibly another Sakai site for Executive Committee meetings

13. "Adobe Connect Software License" for broadcast of Senate Screen to everyone. Discussion with Engineering IT and Academic IT

14. New Senate email for outgoing mails from Executive Committee: Status report by Karren

15. Faculty Handbook Maintenance Group: VPFA, Senate Officer, Karren?

16. Possible Discussion with Deans about ensuring fair Senate representation for all Departments in the College. Change to College bylaws?

17. Revival of Senate Newsletter: Delegate to Senate Secretary as an official task?

18. Making the Senate Bylaws and Faculty Constitution consistent with Article 3: Subcommittee?


20. Idea of holding Senate Heck Talks (similar to Ted Talks, positive feedback from many), Senate Debates?
21. Hiring process and FH policy 2.6 on administrative searches. BOT bylaws section 3.2.5.12

22) Streamlining process for selecting faculty representative for the BOT meetings. (Senators first and then faculty – per Deni)

23. Term dates for FS President. Should they begin July 1 and end June 30? (Attachment)

24. Introduction of newly elected senators and ask if they would like to say something about themselves.