

University Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Monday, November 14, 2016

3:00PM – 011D HULLIHEN HALL

AGENDA

A. Agenda discussion for BOTH the December and February Meetings

Dennis Assanis has hardwired the December meeting into his calendar. We will reserve the non-resolution time for the President and his leadership team. I am curious to know what the new budget model will be, etc.

B. Who has the right to vote? What does "elected" mean? If there is lack of clarity in the existing documents, let us introduce a resolution on who has the right to vote and what for what? (attachment)

C. Update by Chris/Prasad on discussions over safe home for IFS (international Film Series).

Chris and I have had extensive discussions with Julie Dee, Michael Cotswell, Kevin Kerrane, Emily Davis, Lynn Okagaki, Matt Kinservik, Peggy Botoroff, etc. on finding a safe home for IFS. It was also discussed in the Senate Budget Committee meeting. Alexander Selimov and Emily Davis suggested CGAS as the best home. CGAS is Center for General and Area Studies and they already sponsor films from many countries and it is run by faculty. The only disadvantage is that it is under College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) and the Dean controls it and could make the budget disappear at any time. The same problems existed with the Department of Foreign Languages and Culture as it is in CAS. The two finalists who are centrally supported were IGS and OISS. Chris favored IGS but there was a big push for OISS because of its new designated responsibilities. Based on all these inputs, we will be making a decision that is satisfying to most stakeholders.

D. Senate Web Site Upgrade and Feedback; Presentation by Karren <http://sites.udel.edu/facsen/>

Should we ask all the Senators and stakeholders for feedback?

E. RESOLUTIONS;

Here are all the resolutions that I have collected:

1. Resolution on Openness of Elections: Specifying Deadlines and announcements clearly ([See attached](#))

1a Resolution on voting in Senate elections for Senate Officers ([attachment](#))

2. Resolution from Emily Davis on a reaffirmation of our values (in the works)

3. Two Resolutions from FWP from Jeff Jordan (Jeff has copied you on these emails and Karren has them) ([attached](#)) ([attachment](#))

3a: Resolutions related to Academic Freedom. SHOULD GO TO DIVERSITY Committee of Emily Davis

3b. Resolution related to Department Chair and P&T process. Put on Hold until we resolve the larger issue of whether the section was introduced unilaterally by the Provost at that time or whether there is a Senate resolution to back that section

4. Deni Galileo Resolution on Review of Faculty members ([see attached](#)) (email was copied to all in email response to Jeff Jordan)

5. Follow up on APR resolution for Name Change. Ask Jim Richards to hold a meeting as ad-hoc chair and resolve best name, new charge, and membership issues and send back revised resolution to Senate.

6. Committee Reorganization Resolution: Go after the low hanging fruit;

6a: Integrating Student Life and Academic Appeals into one functional unit

6b. Integrating D&I, International and CAPE into one functional unit

6c. Revising charge of Awards committee to delegate Alison Awards to a subcommittee of former Alison winners. OK with chair, Hemant Kher

7. Abstain-related resolutions: Karren will present the Fred H constitutional amendment. Prasad's conversation with University counsel about it about the denominator term in computing percentage of yes votes. <http://facsen.udel.edu/Sites/Executive/2015Constitutionrevision-voting.pdf>

WHEREAS, the current Constitution of the Faculty of the University of Delaware refers to decisions made by the votes of "members present," and

WHEREAS, Robert's Rules states, "Voting requirements based on the number of members present . . . are generally undesirable. Since an abstention in such cases has the same effect as a negative vote, these bases deny members the right to maintain a neutral position by abstaining"; be it therefore

RESOLVED, that in Section IX (Attachment 1) of the Constitution of the Faculty of the University of Delaware, the word "present" (i.e., of the members present) will be changed to "voting yes or no" (i.e., of the members voting yes or no).

<http://facsen.udel.edu/Sites/Executive/2014ChangetoBylaws-Voting-Revised.pdf>

WHEREAS, the current Bylaws of the Faculty Senate refer to decisions made by the votes of "those present"; and

WHEREAS, Robert's Rules states, "Voting requirements based on the number of members present . . . are generally undesirable. Since an abstention in such cases has the same effect as a negative vote, these bases deny members the right to maintain a neutral position by abstaining;" be it therefore

RESOLVED, that in the Bylaws and Regulations of the University Faculty Senate, Article 1.2, Section V, the following sentence will be added . . . "Votes in the Senate for regular business are decided by a simple majority of those voting yes or no. For a motion to change the Bylaws, changes requiring two-thirds are decided by a two-thirds majority of those voting yes or no." Be it further

RESOLVED, that in the Bylaws and Regulations of the University Faculty Senate, Article 1.2, Section IV, the word "present" (used twice, "of those present") will be changed to voting yes or no ("of those voting yes or no").

8. Others?

F. Any other forgotten items for agenda