

Governance Committee of the Faculty Senate
January 17, 2017 Minutes
3:30 pm
Room 233 University Center

Members Present	
Cherry Beasley	Mabel Rivera
David Nikkel	Sally Vallabha
Jesse Peters	
Members Absent	
Stephen Bukowy	Ottis Murray
Cliff Mensah	Frankie Powell

I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 3:35 PM by the Chair, Dr. Peters.

II. Approval of Minutes from November 11, 2016

The minutes of November 11, 2016 were approved as distributed by consensus.

III. Approval of Agenda

Accepted as distributed by consensus.

IV. Report from the Chair

- The Provost returned from medical leave but has announced retirement effective February 1, 2017. Dr. Scot Billingsley will assume the role of Interim Provost. At the last meeting we discussed that one person assuming the responsibilities of both positions may impact the faculty promotion and tenure process that is scheduled for this semester. J. Peters has inquired and learned that only ten faculty members have applied for promotion and/or tenure. Questions followed inquiring if this number is within the norm, and if not, what factors contributed to the change. These questions will be raised to the Executive Committee and to the Promotion and Tenure Committee.
- The Media Policy that was circulated prior to the winter break has been revised based on the comments from the University Community. J. Peters has participated in a small group that has reviewed the revised policy and considers it much improved. The revised policy should be distributed to the University Community for comment shortly.

V. Unfinished Business

- Academic Partners- A request has been issued by the administration for other companies to submit a proposal that could also fill the role of outsourcing management of online programs. No other update was available.
- The New Faculty Governance Social will be deferred until next academic year. This will allow more time for coordination of planning with other faculty activities and the new leadership of Academic Affairs to be in place.

VI. New Business

- The question was raised by C. Beasley if departments had examples of by-laws and department specific promotion and tenure guidelines. A discussion followed that reviewed the historical activities related to these issues and the limited awareness of the current status of the efforts. Further, questions arose about the process to have these approved by the Faculty Senate. More discussion is needed in this area.

VII. Announcements

- The Provost Search process and schedule was emailed to all faculty prior to the winter break. Committee members are encouraged to participate fully in the scheduled on-campus activities.

VIII. Adjournment

Adjourned at 4:25 P.M. Next meeting will be on February 14 2017.

