The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Faculty Assembly

Minutes
October 14, 2015


Absent (Excused): Elena Gavruseva, Sabine Götz, Benjamin Hunnicutt, Randall McEntaffer, Bob McMurray, Christine Shea

Absent: Emilie Destruel-Johnson, Surjit Khurana, Kyungmin Kim, Tlaloc Rivas, Steven Spangler, Wenfang Tang

Guests: Jennifer Bertrand, Jon Burke, Anny Curtius, Clint Huntrods, Anna Jensen, Rachel Napoli, Cheryl Reardon, Sue Sager, Mike Teague, Debby Zumbach

1. Cheryl Reardon, Senior Assistant Vice President for Research; and Debby Zumbach, Assistant Vice President and Director, Business Services, provided an overview and update on TIER at the University of Iowa from January 2014 to present. Implementation of efficiency recommendations for administrative cases, including the areas of procurement, information technology, human resources and finance, is underway. Academic cases, including classroom scheduling and utilization, enrollment management, and distance education remain under review by two consulting groups. Implementation of current TIER cases is expected to continue through 2018. They also answered questions from the floor related to cost savings, classroom technology needs, and procurement issues.

2. The minutes from September 16, 2015, and September 23, 2015, were approved.

3. Clint Huntrods, Lecturer in the Department of Health & Human Physiology, presented a proposal for an undergraduate certificate in Interscholastic Athletic/Activities Administration, previously approved by the Undergraduate Educational Policy and Curriculum Committee. In February 2015, the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners approved a rule change, allowing individuals who do not have a teaching degree to become Authorized Athletics/Activities Administrators. The change provides opportunity for students in the department’s Sport and Recreation Management (SRM) program, or any undergraduate major, to pursue this career path. The proposed certificate requires 21 semester hours of course work from SRM, the College of Education, and other areas, including four core courses, three elective courses, and a guided field experience. After discussion, the proposal was approved.
4. Professor Russell Ganim, Chair of the Faculty Assembly, reviewed subcommittee assignments for 2015-2016: Faculty Assembly Diversity Committee, Collegiate Budget and Allocation, Shared Governance Structures within CLAS, Role and Status of Lecturers, Family Policies, Vision and Outreach, and Free Speech on Campus. He requested that subcommittees meet, elect a chair, and report on activities at future Faculty Assembly meetings. In addition, five faculty members comprising the Faculty Assembly Diversity Committee: Professor Anny Curtius, Department of French & Italian (co-chair); Professor Michael Hill, Departments of English and African American Studies (co-chair); Professor Charlotte Adams, Department of Dance; Professor Aniruddha Dutta, Departments of Asian & Slavic Languages & Literatures, and Gender, Women’s & Sexuality Studies; and Professor Yasemin Mohammad, Department of German; were appointed to serve on the College’s new standing Committee on Diversity.

5. The Chair noted impacts of two motions approved at the Faculty Assembly special meeting on September 23, and reviewed topics that Faculty Assembly officers discussed with incoming President Bruce Harreld at a meeting on October 9, including slippage of the university in national rankings, oversight of the UI by the Board of Regents, and how the university’s budget and resource allocation models disadvantage CLAS. A lively discussion ensued. A motion was made requesting Faculty Assembly members not talk with Harreld as Faculty Assembly members individually, unless in context of meeting as a whole. After debate, the motion was lost. FA will invite incoming President Harreld to address the full Faculty Assembly at one of the scheduled meetings.

6. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary of the Faculty Assembly