Faculty Senate Governance Council
Minutes for Thursday, November 21, 2019

Call to order at 4:10 p.m.

Present: Brett Sponseller (Chair and Vet Med); Jon Perkins (Bus); Andrea Quam (Des); Sarah Bennett-George (HSC); Ian Schneider (Eng); Carol Faber (CC Chair); Denise Vrchota (Doc Comm Chair); Awoke Dollisso (CCDR Chair); Tim McNicholl (AAUP-Math)

Guest: Jonathan Sturm (FS President)

Nov 12 Agenda and Oct 17 Minutes approved as amended

Committee Reports

- Committee on Committees: Carol Faber, chair (and President-Elect)
  Representative committee tried to meet but only one could attend so survey on Spring Faculty Conference was created for feedback on direction.
- Senate Documents Committee: Denise Vrchota, chair
  Document committee meant and agreed the faculty handbook is in compliance with the style sheet. Representative from Human Science needed for Document committee.
- College and Departmental Document Review Committee: Awoke Dollisso, chair
  No report

Unfinished Business

- Aligning Faculty Handbook (FH) Chapter 8 with the ISU Policy Library (PL).
  Discussion centered on ways to keep links and change language without conflicting between FH and PL. Hyperlinks to PL will help faculty find policies but language in FH should only help explain the hyperlink.
  Plan to move 8.4.1 Non Discrimination/Affirmative action to Chapter 1 or 2. Policies on instructional material might move to Chapter 10. Discussing the concept of keeping hyperlinks and some information. 8.3.4 Classified Research does not protect faculty because of incorrect information in FH. Agreed that FH should only provide hyperlinks with minimal descriptive statement. Content of policy is in PL. FH 8.4 might be consideration for an introduction for Chapter 8. Governance Council will work in original groups on the rewrite of information and Brett will assign. Formula for each section contains title, descriptive statement and information to hyperlink(s).
- FH language addressing changes in Evaluation of Teaching
  Discussion centered around recommendations from the taskforce. There will be an additional meeting with Ann Maire Van Der Zanden, Gov. Council chair and some others requested by her office on December 5, 3:00 p.m. to outline details. Jonathan Sturm discussion three of the four bullet points he would like to see completed, which were: 1.) In FH, rename “Student Evaluations of Teaching” to “Student Ratings”, 2.) Define the evaluation of teaching as a holistic perspective on teaching deriving from multiple qualitative and quantitative points of information, and 3.) Stipulate that neither a “below expectations” annual evaluation nor a faculty teaching award can be based exclusively upon student ratings numbers. While number 4.) departments have a rubric for evaluating the diverse aspects of teaching was important, the first three points need to come first. Jonathan Sturm proposed drafting initial language. Ultimately, it comes from the council.
- Committee on Committees vs. Representative Committee debate will move to first of the unfinished business agenda at next Governance Council, as there was no time to discuss.

New Business

None

Adjourn at 5:10 p.m. Minutes submitted by Carol Faber