Meeting Minutes
Faculty Senate Governance Council
107 Lab of Mechanics
Tuesday, October 6, 2015, 12-1pm

Attendees: Dawn Bratsch-Prince, Veronica Dark (recorder), Carol Faber, Jack Girton, Rebecca Jackson, Jeff Kushkowski, Pat Leigh, Martha Selby, Brett Sponseller, Jonathan Sturm, Yoshi Suzuki

1. Call to order, announcements
   There was lively discussion of S14-19 (the PRS legislation) while we waited for a quorum. Martha called the meeting to order at 12:13.

2. Secretary assignment
   Veronica volunteered to be the recorder.

3. Changes to agenda
   Martha added a request concerning Dead Week from the Student Government as Item "a" under new business.

4. Approval of minutes from 9/22/15
   Approved

5. Reports from committees
   a. Committee on Committees: Jonathan Sturm, chair
      There is an interim chair of the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee; a permanent chair will begin in 3 months.

   b. Senate Documents Committee: Veronica Dark, chair
      Has not met.

   c. College and Departmental Document Review Committee: Jeffrey Kushkowski, chair
      Nothing to report.

6. Unfinished Business
   None.

7. New Business
   a. Martha shared an email that she received from Cole Staudt, a senator on the Student Government Senate, requesting initiation of a conversation between SG and FS on changing the Dead Week policy so that there are no graded assignments at all during that week. The idea is to provide a week during which students can actually study for final exams. There was a lot of discussion and the Council determined that this needed to be vetted by the Student Affairs Committee. Jack motioned and Jon seconded sending to that committee. Motion passed.

   b. Next NTE issue: required reviews for lecturers and senior lecturers
      Discussion was postponed in favor of item "c".
c. NTE issue: new titles (Plan how to proceed).
   Lively discussion of the need for new titles. Martha noted that a subcommittee had reviewed
titles in use at other universities, titles like Clinical Professor and Professor of Practice. The
question is whether they are needed here. There currently is no definition of what a lecturer or a
clinician is. Dawn suggested that NTE faculty would value a more well defined "career path".
Faculty in Vet Med especially do not find "Clinician" to be a satisfactory term. The suggestion was
made that Vet Med put forth a proposal, perhaps following the titles from the U of I medical
school.

d. Handbook changes we need to review (Veronica and Dawn)?
   No changes.

8. Good of the order
   None.

9. Adjourn
   The meeting adjourned at 1 pm.

10. Next meeting is Tuesday, October 27th, 12-1pm, 107 LOM