

## January 29, 2014 Faculty Meeting Minutes – FINAL

**Faculty Chair Welcome** -- Faculty Chair Abir Biswas opened the meeting at 1:17 p.m.

**General Announcements** -- The following announcements were made:

- Abir announced that the Faculty Handbook has been updated to reflect the current Planning Units.
- Jeff Antonelis-Lapp reminded faculty that there are faculty development lunches occurring weeks 3 and 6 this year, with the hope that faculty will consider this as they plan their programs for next year.
- Stephen Beck announced that *Crow Planet*, next year's common read, can be picked up at the end of today's meeting.
- Sandy Yannone announced the Writing Center is holding information sessions for potential tutors for 14-15.
- Laurie Meeker reminded the faculty that the UFE is holding a forum this Friday at 5.
- Carolyn Prouty reminded faculty that Day of Absence and Day of Presence will be held spring quarter week 5 and asked faculty to consider incorporating events during that week and in preparation for the week in their planning.
- GSU Representative Brendon Hale indicated the GSU has no current business to announce to the faculty.

**Approve Faculty Meeting Minutes** – The December 11, 2013 Faculty Meeting Minutes were approved as distributed.

**Faculty Service Awards** – Provost Michael Zimmerman prefaced the awards by providing an overview of current retention, which is up, coupled with overall enrollment, which is continuing to decline. He went on to acknowledge faculty who have been here for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 & 35 years of service, which was followed by a resounding round of applause.

**Planning Unit Coordinator DTF** – Co-chairs Laurie Meeker and Andrew Reece provided a brief reminder of their charge and the work that they have completed, as well as a brief overview of what's to come at upcoming Faculty Meetings.

**Long-Range Curriculum DTF** – Co-chairs Karen Gaul and Ruth Hayes led a discussion of the DTF's proposal three regarding a standing committee on the curriculum. After lengthy discussion, a voice vote on a motion to end debate was defeated. An amendment was proposed to subsection d) regarding the nature of the Committee's work, was voted on by voice vote and was ultimately defeated. Some changes deemed by the DTF to be in keeping with the spirit of the proposal were made that were not voted on (and will be incorporated into the updated proposal that will be distributed for a later discussion). One amendment to the fifth paragraph of proposal three was proposed and voted on in the affirmative, resulting in the following language change:

We suggest that the SCC include faculty from all areas of the curriculum including EWS and the deanery, possibly Planning Unit Coordinators, emeritus faculty, and staff from Institutional Research, Admissions and Academic Advising. ~~We strongly encourage recruitment of one or more student representatives.~~ **The SCC will accept as members up to two student members to be appointed by the GSU. Student members are responsible for maintaining communication with the GSU.** ~~who are also active with the GSU could establish valuable lines of communication with that group.~~

After additional discussion, a concern was raised by the Provost that the proposal in its current form lacks specific details regarding its membership (e.g., composition, election/appointment) and charge. The co-chairs suggested that, given these concerns, the proposals should be further revised and brought before the faculty at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m.