

June 3, 2013 Faculty Meeting Minutes -- FINAL

Faculty Chair Drew Buchman opened the meeting at 3:10. The following announcements were made:

- Rip Heminway announced that the College will be implementing a “2-factor authentication” system in the fall as required by the State. Information will be shared as the project develops.
- Ulrike Krotcheck encouraged faculty to fill out the faculty development survey that was sent out earlier today.
- Nancy Koppelman announced that the book and speaker for Fall 2014 has been selected: Crow Planet, by Lyanda Lynn Haupt.
- Ruth Hayes announced the next event in the Ernestine Kimbro series will be a Picturing Plants program exhibit throughout the Library.

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Academic Essay Contest – First and Second Place winners Asheem Rai and Jennifer Rothfuss presented their essays to great applause.

Hiring Priorities DTF Part II Proposal – It was moved and seconded that the proposal be approved in its entirety. Discussion and questions ensued. The proposal was accepted by a vote of 52 yes, with no votes against and no abstentions.

Evaluation of Academic Deans (Faculty Handbook 2.304) – A continuation of an amendment to the Faculty Handbook that was first presented and discussed at the 1/30/13 Faculty Meeting was held. An further amendment was proposed as follows:

Strike the last sentence (“The deans are evaluated annually on the basis of their job description.”) from section 2.300.

The amendment passed by a unanimous voice vote. A second amendment was proposed to include:

“the Provost’s annual evaluations of the dean’s performance as well as” between “This evaluation will be based on” and “a review of any letters of evaluation” (the last sentence of section 2.304).

Discussion ensued. The amendment passed by a voice vote with four abstentions. An additional amendment was proposed as follows:

Add “and write an evaluation” at the end of the second sentence of 2.304; and
Add “written” to the second amendment between “annual” and “evaluations”.

The amendment passed by a voice vote with three abstentions. The original proposal was then voted on. The motion passed by a voice vote with three abstentions and one nay vote. Allen, who recently announced he is leaving the college, was thanked for his service.

The Importance of Faculty Development to Academic Matters – Time for this discussion was created in response to changes in the funding structure for faculty development that are part of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement. A broad range of viewpoints were expressed, including a strong sentiment regarding the need for faculty development in the summer, particularly across disciplines and with faculty and staff who do not generally interact in any depth during the academic year.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.