

FACULTY COUNCIL
Minutes
Wednesday, January 30, 2013
3:00-5:00 PM – CLC 306, WTC

Members Present: Battaglia, G.; Boller, H.; Cardoza, A.; Dominiak, M.; Fitch, A.; Hermansen, M.; Jay, W.; Jurgensmeier, SJ, C.; Kaplan, D.; Kelly, B.; Kilbane, T.; Lash, N.; Macksey, S.; Miller, H.; Mirza, D.; McNulty, J.; Penckofer, S.; Ramsey, G.; Rose, H.; Ruppman, T.; Ryan, J.; Schneck, M.; Schoenberger, A.; Shanahan, A.; Udo, M.; Woycik, E.

1. Meeting was called to order at 3:12pm by Gordon Ramsey. Invocation – Charles Jurgensmeier, SJ.
2. Approval of December minutes. Moved: Jay; Penckofer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Chair's Report
 - The aim of the bylaw amendment we are considering today is to re-appropriate tasks that used to fall to the Faculty Council before being removed to the UPC's.
 - Rationale:
 - The faculty have the responsibility for implementing program changes. Matters can be debated in the University Senate, but Council as a corporate body has more input, and more diverse input, than the Senate's four faculty representatives could provide. We certainly don't mean to usurp the prerogatives of those 4 Senate faculty members, just supplement and augment their arguments.
 - Faculty Council's charge is as the Faculty Handbook states it: "It represents the faculty to the University administration and may address any matter of importance to the University, in general, and to the faculty in particular (FH2009, p. 26)." This is especially the case with regard to academic programming. The Faculty Handbook is, an Illinois law, part of the faculty's legal contract of employment.
 - Question: How will it be decided which issues will be handled by the University Senate and which by Faculty Council? GR: according to the "rainbow chart," all policy issues go to the University Senate first. University Senate reps will then communicate with us.
 - Meetings this spring: in February Provost Pelissero will attend; in March President Garanzini; and in April hopefully HSD Vice-President Gamelli. In February we will also have the Benefits committee report. It would also be good if we could get a meeting with the AAUP some point in the spring term.

- Finally, I have heard back from IT about the problems with access to the luc.edu domain by SSOM faculty and staff. IT now claims the policy has been changed to permit that access. Please inform if this problem persists.
4. Report from University Senate (Dominiak)
- There was no meeting in January. Our first meeting of the new term will be this Friday (2/1). Committees will report results of deliberations on the “Loyola Future” task force report.
5. SSOM report (McNulty)
- Dean Brubaker has acknowledged that a compensation task force was reviewing compensation packages for faculty at the Medical School. Research building construction progresses apace.
6. Dean Evaluations status (Lash)
- In progress. Surveys will be completed by 2/15. Some concerns have been expressed about confidentiality. While the survey is online, IT assures us the results are confidential. (We have deleted lines in the survey asking for respondents’ names and ranks.) The survey has numerical and prose components. Full data comes to the dean’s evaluation committee members; we make a short report (quantitative only) that goes to faculty; a longer one, including prose summaries, comes to FC; *all* materials and the long report go to the Provost concerned. We’d like volunteers to help draft the reports.
7. Bylaws Amendments
- Discussion of the amendments.
 - Question: Is the Senate “real” yet? GR: It remains provisional for 2 years. Question: Why not leave off changing our bylaws until ten? GR: We can rely on the Senate’s becoming actual after 2 years.
 - Article IX Section E: This amendment is intended only for measures requiring 2/3 votes, such as bylaws changes.
 - Amendment: That “Faculty Council shall set the date” be changed to “The Chair of Faculty Council shall set the date”. Accepted as friendly.
 - Extensive discussion of Section 4 of Committee Structure.
 - **Motion:** (From Exec Cttee, no 2nd needed): **All bylaw amendments as amended. 3-18-3; motion fails.**
 - **Motion** (Schoenberger): **Article IX Section E, as amended. Seconded** (McNulty). **24-0-0; motion passes.**
 - **Motion** (Lash): **Sections 1-3 of Committee Structure (not including Section 4). Seconded** (Jay). **24-0-0; motion passes.**
 - Council will take up Section 4 of the Committee Structure bylaws revision at the February meeting.

8. Coordinating Efforts with SSOM Faculty

- Omitted; member concerned absent.

9. Other Business

- MNSN (Dominiak): The Faculty Handbook seems to indicate that TT faculty can move to NTT status as late as the year before tenure review (5th year). According to a conversation with Dean Keough, however, Provost Pelissero says that is not the case—that such a move cannot happen later than at mid-tenure review (end of 3rd year). This will need some resolution.
- Elections (Kilbane): Please let me know ASAP, if you are coming to the end of your current term on Council, whether you are willing to stay on or wish to come off.

10. Motion to adjourn: Moved (Ruppman); second (Jay). Meeting adjourned 4:34pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Hugh Miller, PhD, Secretary