

FACULTY COUNCIL
Minutes
Wednesday, April 24, 2013
3:00-5:00 PM – CLC 306, WTC

Members Present: Battalglia, G.; Boller, H.; Cardoza, A.; Classen, T.; Derhammer, N.; Dominiak, M.; Fine, J.; Fitch, A.; Gupta, G.; Jay, W.; Jellish, S.; Kelly, B.; Kilbane, T.; Knight, A.; Lash, N.; Lieblich, J.; Macksey, S.; Miller, H.; Mirza, D.; Penckofer, S.; Ramsey, G.; Rose, H.; Ruppman, T.; Ryan, J.; Uprichard, S.; Schoenberger, A.; Shanahan, A.; Singh, S.; Wojcik, E.

1. Meeting was called to order at 3:07pm by Gordon Ramsey. Invocation – Janis Fine.
2. Approval of March minutes. Modifications suggested to p. 1, SSOM report. Accepted. Moved: Lash; Cardoza seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Chair's Report
 - I wish to extend my thanks and congratulations to the Faculty Council for its work this year. We accomplished a number of things: we revised our bylaws; we revised our Dean's evaluation process; we addressed and help resolve intercampus email issues; we revised our election procedures; and we laid the basis for a more settled relation and interaction with the University Senate.
 - Along with Walter Jay, I will soon be having a special meeting with President Garanzini and the Provost on several issues of importance to the faculty. They include the new portfolio system; issues regarding faculty workloads (including the task force report); and we will attempt to get the President and the Provost to give us early access to documents going to university committees so that the Faculty Council can have input.
 - The annual faculty Council retreat will be in August—no date set as yet, although it is usually the week before classes start. We will have a busy year next year.
 - (Brief discussion of non-mandatory online evaluation system—low turnouts, bimodal distributions. Importance of the issue in an era of ramped-up evaluation of faculty.)
4. University Senate report: our next meeting will be April 26. No news at present. The Academic Affairs Committee will talk about online learning; we will consider the Diversity Task Force Report; and the Budget and Strategic Planning Committee will review the report, "Positioning Loyola for the Future."
5. SSOM/HSD: The salary task force at SSOM is said to have completed its work, and submitted its report to the Dean. (The composition and membership of the task force is unknown to us.)
6. Election results (Kilbane): introduction of new members.

7. Bylaw revisions
 - Motion from Executive Committee. Vote: 24-0-0.
8. Increased support of travel (Boller)
 - Some discussion of the background the motion by Harvey Boller. This motion was first introduced, and passed unanimously by Council, in February 2009. Provost Wiseman told him at the time that money would be short; he did not follow this up. Nothing has been done since. We need to move it again. Such an increase of support will affect only some faculty, but it is important.
 - Discussion: the attendance of faculty at conferences is an important factor in raising the University's academic profile, which is reflected in various rankings, for example, US news and world report. There are various policies and budgets for different departments, divisions, and schools. Is something more concrete needed? Timing may be wrong – this will be a low priority if it is too vague. “Austerity” may also be argued. We need more data.
 - Motion to table: 19-2-0. We will return to this in the new year, and perhaps strike an ad hoc committee to collect data.
9. Seating of new members.
10. Election of Council officers
 - Chair: Gordon Ramsey
 - Vice-chair: Walter Jay
 - Secretary: Hugh Miller
 - Executive Committee at large members: Ann Shanahan, Allen Schoenberger, Nick Lash, Tracy Ruppman
11. Motion to adjourn: Moved (Lash); second (Jay). Meeting adjourned 4:40pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Hugh Miller, PhD, Secretary