

Faculty Affairs Committee meeting

March 7, 2018

2:30 to 4:00 in 717 Gruening and by audio conference; 4:00-4:55 in 718 Gruening and by audio notes by Sine Anahita

Present: Debu Misra; Ataur Chowdhury; Sine Anahita; Andy Anger; Julie (Jak) Maier; Jeff May; Josh Greenberg; Courtney Carothers; Maureen Hogan; and Gordon Williams.

Mark Herrmann (ex-officio) was excused.

We experienced technical difficulties, e.g. could not connect to google hangout, and also did not have the correct PIN handy. Andy, Josh, and Jak brainstormed the problem, contacted the affected participants, and the meeting got underway only a few minutes late.

We approved the agenda with a couple of additions to new business, and approved the minutes from our last meeting with no changes. New business additions: discussion of the Chancellor's comments about identifying potentially dangerous students; and diversity and inclusion. One member mentioned having witnessed racism toward both students and faculty in the classroom.

We discussed how to provide for equitable discussion in FAC, and decided that we would work to take turns during discussions. Our chair suggested that we raise our hands or otherwise indicate our wish to speak, and that she would keep track of the order in which hands were raised. The chair will regularly give space for those connecting by telephone to participate.

Old Business

Grade appeal process

We celebrated that the proposed revisions to the policy passed Faculty Senate without comment. We extended our congratulations to all who worked on the revised policy.

Movement of School of Natural Resources and Extension (SNRE)

We spent the next two and one half hours discussing the SNRE situation. We decided that our committee would write a resolution to the Chancellor asking that no action be taken on the Provost's recommendation to eliminate the SNRE. We drafted a resolution that will be submitted to the AdComm for consideration.

We were unable to discuss any other matters as we agreed that the SNRE situation was urgent. We adjourned just before 5:00PM.

Next meeting:

April 11, 2:30-4:00 PM in 614E Gruening (we will try to have both audio and web conference available)