College of Arts and Sciences Senate Meeting
4/26/10, 104 Gore


Absent: P. Amer, J. Bernstein, A. Barrier, S. Neal, A. Randolph, A. Selminov

Excused: L. Hoffman, P. Evenson, C. Skeen, A. Coleman, B. Moxley

Meeting called to order at 4:30pm

I. Consent Agenda passed as presented
   a. Approval of the agenda for 4/26/10 meeting
   b. Approval of the minutes from 3/15/10 meeting

II. President’s Remarks (John A. Pelesko)
   a. Provost Apple will speak at our May meeting. Suggestions for topics can be sent to Pelesko.

III. Dean’s Remarks (George Watson): Faculty awards and other business.
   a. Watson announced faculty teaching awards made for Excellence in Teaching (Susan McKenna, Foreign languages & Literatures); Excellence in Service (Brian Ackerman, Sociology); Excellence in Advising (Margaret Stetz, Women’s Studies); Excellence in Scholarship (Nancy Signorelli, Communications). A Lifetime Distinguished Service Award will be presented to Heyward Brock at the State of the College on May 19.
   b. Tenure track hires are proceeding with a perfect acceptance rate from top candidates
   c. Reorganization of the former CHEP: the move of Fashion and Apparel Studies is with the University Senate.
      i. The new RBB system will have a positive effect on Arts & Sciences in the medium and long run. Revenue will follow students, which will be to our benefit. During a transition period subventions will be used to even out the impact of the new system. Our contribution to the subvention fund is about 60% of the subvention pool of 50,000.
      ii. Watson will not be bringing the possible move of the School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy to the faculty as the creation of an eighth College of Public Affairs is being considered.

IV. Special Presentation – Bruce Lambrecht, Academic Technology Service, spoke about ways ATS can help faculty realize Path to Prominence objectives at little or no cost. They can capture classes for podcast, web or DVD, facilitate videoconferencing, help with creation of professional or continuing education content modules; facilitate distance learning on line or via closed-circuit TV; connect our experts to major networks via satellite uplink; connect with teachers all over the state. ATS has 3 studio classrooms in Pearson Hall; a
videoconference site in East Hall, and one-on-one consultations from Paul Hyde’s group on the third floor of East Hall. Call x6907 with any questions.

V. Business Arising From Standing Committees
   a. COCAN Elections
      i. President-elect
      ii. COCAN Chair

   b. Promotion & Tenure – proposed bylaws revision from College P&T Committee. Steering committee is bringing forward to Senate for consideration.
      i. Q – would CNTT member have a vote? A – yes
      ii. How many CNTTs do we have? A – of the approximately 60 there are four or five who might be affected, but we expect more in the future
      iii. Q - Is it feasible to impose this requirement? A – it would involve a commitment
      iv. What is the purpose of this – what problem are we trying to solve? A – we have a lot of CNTT faculty members. This year an individual came up for promotion and there were many questions about workload, etc.
      v. Q - Why do they need special representation? A - if they are a faculty member and can be promoted why aren’t they represented?
      vi. Why can’t tenured faculty make this decision? Is there special knowledge required? A – No special knowledge, but why should they not be represented?
      vii. Could we make them eligible to be on the committee without requiring that they serve? If they have been promoted to Associate or Full, they have the stamp of the University
         1. Proposed amendment: simply strike the word tenured and add “at the rank of Associate or Full Professor - failed

      viii. Q - Who proposes the membership? A - The President-elect selects Chairs of all the committees except COCAN Chair, who selects committee members which are then ratified by the Steering Committee
         1. Proposed amendment: strike the word must and replace with may passed, 20-1-1.

      ix. Q – are CNTTs members of Dept P&T committees? A – no
      x. Watson: I have never seen a problem in the reviews of CNTT promotion dossier conducted by tenured faculty. We are already out of alignment in having Associate Professors on the College P&T committee evaluating their peers for Full Professor. I think our P&T committee should be comprised of Full Professors exclusively, and that the current P&T committee is moving in the wrong direction.
      xi. Q – shouldn’t there be an attempt to get uniformity among departments first? We should start at Department level.
      xii. Motion to refer back to Committee passed unanimously.

VI. Announcements – hold the date for The State of the College May 19, Center for the Arts, 4pm