The meeting was brought to order at 2:33 p.m.

1) Guest Speaker: Erin Behnen (3C2)

Re: SARA regulations compliance. In order to be in compliance, must explicitly include “online”. Re: the Faculty Senate discussion, Erin suggested that it would be good to pass 3C2 first as is, in order to be in compliance, and then work on any changes and clarifications afterwards. She will come to the FS meeting on Feb. 2.

2) Announcements
   a) OMA Designees – list completed except for Faculty Grievance Committee

Jeffrey Sabby noted that e-mails have been sent to the OMA “naughty” list.

3) Consideration of Minutes
   a) November 10, 2016

The November 10 Minutes were accepted as is with no corrections.

4) Unfinished Business
   a) Unionization

Certification e-mails were sent out by the Faculty Association and by the Provost, noting that the Faculty Association is now officially certified. Bargaining talks are to begin within 60 business days of certification.

   b) Change Welfare Council Operating Papers

Sherry Senkfor’s Faculty Senate visit was very helpful. Should someone from HR sit on Welfare Council? Steve Kerber said he would ask Sherry if she wants to.

   c) Resolutions

Jeffrey Sabby will work on these over break. Following President Dunn’s open and constructive visit to FSEC, perhaps a letter would be better than a resolution (on reapportionment of System budget to the two campuses, etc.). Jeffrey will invite President Dunn to the Feb. 2 Faculty Senate meeting. FSEC still has two meetings before that in January to discuss Talking Points for President Dunn’s visit. The idea of an SIU Council of Councils was also discussed – bring the three FSEC’s (SIUE, Carbondale, the Medical School) together to discuss concerns and bounce off ideas. The three Senate Presidents could also meet and chat at the Board of Trustees meeting.
d) Possible 3rd All Faculty Meeting (discuss)

Leave on the agenda as a future possibility. Might be possible to do something in the Spring on the University Congress model, maybe on enrollment, retention, etc. Lack of attendance of senators at FS and Council meetings was also noted. Jeffrey Sabby will remind senators of their responsibilities as part of his “welcome back” greeting on Feb. 2.

e) Formation of Healthcare Insurance Ad Hoc Committee

There were 3 volunteers. JS noted that it would be good to have the Chancellor on board with this, too, so that a joint charge could be presented.

f) Early Promotion and Tenure Policy

Re: the discussion of this at Faculty Senate, it was agreed that perhaps Tom Jordan could come and further explain this to Faculty Senate.

5) New Business
   a) Letter to SIU President
      1) Possible Invite to SIU President to the February 2 Faculty Senate Meeting

See discussion above under 4c.

   b) FS Subcommittee: Academic Planning and Budgeting
      1) Academic Quality Council

The possibility of such a body was discussed. One advantage of an AQC (with UQC and UPBC membership overlap) might be to shift Program Reviews to AQC from FSCC, freeing up FSCC to focus on curricular changes and approvals, etc. An AQC, as a FS subcommittee, might also become one avenue to strengthen Faculty Senate, and to keep Faculty Senate at the hub, especially as the faculty union comes into formation. Actions or discussions on possible council reorganizations following the joint UQC/UPBC retreat have not yet been announced. Marcus Agustin noted that FSEC can play a big role in these discussions as they come up, although any final decision will of course be up to the Chancellor.

6) Reports from Council Chairs
   a) UPBC – Morris Taylor (Nancy Lutz)

UPBC met with Rich Walker, VC for Administration, on Nov. 11. On Dec. 2, we participated in the joint retreat with UQC. On Dec. 9 we will meet with Denise Cobb, Provost and VCAA.

   b) Faculty Development Council – Jennifer Logue (not present)

   c) Curriculum Council – Sorin Nastasia
CC reports have been posted on Sharepoint re: courses approved in this current period, etc. On Nov. 15, a vote was taken approving the 1R2 honors policy, which will be presented to the Faculty Senate on Feb. 2. Policy 1J7 on online SET evaluations is also in the pipeline.


An e-mail will be sent out in preparation for elections (for Graduate Council, Faculty Senate, and Grievance Committee). Chancellor and Provost evaluations will also be coming up.

e) Welfare Council – Stephen Kerber and Brian Lueck

See discussion above under 4b.

f) Graduate Council – Jennifer Rehg (not present)

g) Past-President – Stacie Kirk

The Diversity Council will meet on Dec. 9. The Meridian Scholarship committee met on Nov. 14 and will meet again on Jan. 12 to review applications for invitations to campus.

h) President Elect – Marcus Agustin

The joint UQC/UPBC retreat was good. MA will continue to attend UQC meetings to get a sense of developments for next year. Also see discussion above under 5b.

i) President – Jeffrey Sabby

See items discussed above.

7) Other [nothing additional was presented]
8) Public Comment [no one from the public was present]
9) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

Approved as submitted January 12, 2017
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