Faculty Meeting Minutes  
December 9, 2016  1:00 PM  
Room # 3093 SFS

Present: Carmen Aguilar, Harvey Bootsma, Russell Cuhel, Dong Fang Deng, David Garman, Time Grundl (arrived at 2:00 pm) Laodong Guo, John Janssen, Jerry Kaster, Rebecca Klaper, Val Klump, Ryan Newton, Jhonatan Sepulveda, Matt Smith, Jim Waples

Absences: Fred Binkowski, Michael Carvan, Jenny Kehl, Sandra McLellan

Invited: Nancy Frank (arrived at 1:47 pm) Eric Leaf, Mallory Kaul, Margret Petrie

I. Call to order 1:08 PM

II. Adoption/Modification of Agenda

A. None

III. Automatic consent: Approval of the November 2, 2016 meeting minutes

IV. Old Business

A. Discussion of prioritizing efforts of the School (PGR Document)

1. The faculty discussed the prioritizing efforts for the research portion of the Strategic Plan. The faculty voted and identified the three most important items to focus on: obtaining expertise in other aspects of the water cycle, growing to conduct $10 million of research annually, and publishing high quality papers in leading journals. The PGR committee will setup teams to move into action.

V. New Business

A. Vote on Michael Carvan’s change from APCC to PGR.

1. Russell Cuhel moved to formally move Michael Carvan from the APCC to the PGR Committee to better balance senior faculty members on each committee. Jim Waples seconded; motion passed unanimously.

B. David Garman presented the new ICE initiative and other activities of interest at the Water Technology Accelerator and potential ways for others at SFS to get involved.

VI. Committee action/discussion items (chairs)

A. Executive Committee (Klaper)
1. No report

B. Academic Program and Curriculum Committee (Kaster)

1. NURS 779-002 Sustainable Designer for Community Development (Marissa Jablonski) will be cross-listed on the spring 2017 schedule of classes.


- The three departments jointly offering this course have agreed to pay Marissa’s salary first with the tuition revenue, then split the remaining between the three curricular codes.

3. March 26, 2017 is the deadline for SFS scholarship applications. Mallory Kaul will send an e-mail to all the students and faculty. Jerry Kaster will send an e-mail calling for nominations for the Great Lakes Cruising Club Fellowship, also due March 26, 2017.

4. Will Kort will be teaching a Frshwtr 650 section this spring (spring 2017) entitled Public Water Provision in Milwaukee: Lead & Other Issues.

C. Planning, Governance, and Research Committee (Aguilar)

1. PGR met with the Center for Water Policy on Wednesday, December 7th to review the Center’s accomplishments and present the beginning of a strategic plan. The Center is currently recruiting for a new director; the Search and Screen Committee will meet on Wednesday, December 14th for the first time.

D. Grad Rep (Bootsma)

1. Harvey Bootsma is receiving daily inquiries from potential applications. Many of those applicants are research focuses that may not be accepted due to funding restrictions.

2. There are 6 PSM applicants for spring 2017 being reviewed.

3. Mike Darnell drafted an alternative 3+2 model for BioSci for their faculty to review. David Heathcoat refused Harvey’s presentation to the faculty, but may be more willing to review Mike’s version of the agreement.

VII. Dean and Associate Dean’s Remarks

A. Associated Dean Academics (Grundl)

1. The environmental engineers in CES are unhappy because they do not have their own degree. Tim asked if the faculty would be interested in discussing the possibility of those faculty members moving to SFS; the faculty responded yes.
2. Val and Tim are not currently enforcing minimum enrollments for spring 2017 classes. The faculty need to teach and our students need the classes.

3. The faculty need to identify who are teaching our courses. He will e-mail the course matrix and ask faculty to identify what courses are important for policy and technology, as well as who will teach all of the courses. This matrix will help schedule courses in the future, as we’ll have an idea of what needs to be taught every semester and who will be teaching.

VIII. Announcement and Reminders

A. HR Report (Ottman)

1. HR report sent by e-mail for review.

B. Academic Office Reminders (Kaul)

1. Course evaluations have been sent to the students. The expiration date is December 18, 2017 at 11:59pm. Feedback will be sent to the faculty once grades are posted.

2. There are a number of spring 2017 courses that have not submitted their material adoptions or syllabi. These need to be submitted as soon as possible.

3. Fall 2017 course scheduling is underway. Course information must be submitted to Mallory by Wednesday, February 1st.

IX. General Good and Welfare

X. Adjourned at 2:57 pm