Faculty Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2013 10:00 AM

Faculty Present: Carmen Aguilar, Harvey Bootsma, Michael Carvan, Thomas Consi, Russell Cuhel, Nancy Frank, David Garman, Laodong Guo, John Janssen, Jerry Kaster, J. Val Klump, Matthew Smith, James Waples

Faculty Excused: Frederick Binkowski, Laura Grant, Timothy Grundl, Jenny Kehl, Rebecca Klaper, Itziar Lazkano, Sandra McLellan, Paul Roebber.

Invited: Eric Leaf, Jack Orchard, Nina Ottman, Rob Paddock, Margret Petrie, Rachel Wilberding

I. Dean Garman called the meeting to order at 10:18 am. Quorum present. Conflicts of interest – none advised.

II. Adoption/Modification of Agenda– adopted as written.

III. Automatic consent: Approval of the May 10, 2013 meeting minutes - there were no objections and these stand approved.

IV. Old Business – none identified

V. New business
Janssen made a motion to move into closed session; Klump seconded.

A. Garman discussed nominations for honorary degrees.
B. Kaster made a motion to prepare a counteroffer package for McLellan. The motion was seconded by Waples and approved.

Janssen made a motion to move out of closed session; Consi seconded.

VII. Committee action/discussion items (chairs)

- Committee chairs were reminded to elect a new chair for 2013-14 and appoint a student representative.
  
  A. APCC

1. Bootsma made a motion to approve a policy for students transferring between degree programs. “Student submits a letter of request addressed to APCC requesting transfer between degree programs. APCC reviews students request letter, current transcripts, and student’s academic progress. If there is no funding involved, the final decision will be made by APCC. If funding is involved the APCC recommendation goes to the full faculty for a vote.” Carvan seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

2. Supervisors were reminded to have students submit an annual Plan of Study.

3. Kaster made a motion to approve Guo’s course, Freshwtr 522 Aquatic Organic Geochemistry. The motion was seconded by Waples and unanimously approved.
Jannsen made a motion to move into closed session; Kaster seconded.

4. Bootsma made a motion to admit a MS Thesis student on probation. The motion was seconded by Consi and unanimously approved.

Carvan made a motion to move out of closed session; Consi seconded.

B. Smith gave a brief report from the Research Committee.

C. Aguilar gave a brief report from the Planning and Governance Committee.

VIII. Dean’s and Associate Dean’s remarks

A. Garman discussed facilities arrangements for the Water Technology Accelerator at the Global Water Center.
B. Garman proposed a SFS recognition function for late September 2013.
C. Garman gave an update on student enrollments.
D. Garman gave an update on the research strategy progress and academic planning.
E. Garman discussed the MOOC initiative and suggested the implementation be put off for 6 months – 1 year depending on campus resources.

IX. Announcements and Reminders

A. Petrie reminded the group of the new student welcome event on August 27th noon.
B. Leaf reminded the group about the HOW conference reception on September 11th.
C. Leaf announced the Doors Open Milwaukee event on September 21st.
D. Wilberding gave a communications update.
E. Ottman gave HR update, purchasing card and travel updates.

X. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.