Faculty Meeting Minutes  
October 10, 2014 10:00 AM

Present: Carmen Aguilar, Ramiro Berardo, Michael Carvan, Thomas Consi, Russell Cuhel, David Garman, Timothy Grundl, Laodong Guo, Jenny Kehl, J. Val Klump, Stefan Schnitzer, Matthew Smith, Jhonatan Sepulveda Villet, James Waples

Excused: Harvey Bootsma, John Janssen, Jerry Kaster, Rebecca Klaper, Sandra McLellan, Nancy Frank, Laura Grant, Itziar Lazkano

Invited: Nina Ottman, Mallory Minor, Eric Leaf, Rob Paddock

I. Call to order: Dean Garman called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. A quorum was present; no conflicts were identified.

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

III. Automatic consent: Approval of the June 13, 2014 meeting minutes – there were no objections and these stand approved.

IV. Old Business
David announced that Harvey Bootsma circulated the Ancona document and reported that the Ancona discussion has been referred to the Executive Committee. No added discussion needed.

V. New business
A. Jenny Kehl discussed the options for PSM students to take their business electives online, at the business school, or by hiring Linda Reid as an adjunct professor for SFS to teach business classes. Adding Linda as an adjunct instructor would allow SFS to keep the credit hours and tuition dollars for these classes. Jenny Kehl made a motion to accept Linda Reid as an adjunct instructor. Jhonatan Sepulveda Villet seconded and the motion was unanimously approved. David Garman motioned to have the guidelines for adjunct professors reviewed by the executive committee. Michael Carvan seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

B. Rob Paddock updated the faculty that the two teaching labs will be updated to include an HDMI chord for laptops to projectors. There will be a short term solution of having a few laptops ordered for those faculty members that do not have one for some of the classrooms. Eric Leaf mentioned that there is a donor who is asking for a list of $10k-$15k items that he can help with.

C. Nina Ottman’s HR Report has been moved to be included as a New Business item so she can leave meetings early if she is no longer needed.

VI. Committee action/discussion items (chairs)
Carmen Aguilar reviewed the members of the APCC, Research; and Planning & Government Committees. David Garman proposed Stefan Schnitzer be appointed to the APCC Committee.

A. APCC

1. Michael Carvan announced that Keith Krukowski is a new student representative.
2. Michael Carvan announced the adoption of a 3+2 informational document for UWP with articulation tables.
3. **Michael Carvan motioned that the following statement become policy as listed in the Graduate Bulletin:**
   “The purpose of prerequisite courses is to ensure that students have sufficient background to understand the terminology, theory, and practical applications of the required courses in the Master’s and Doctoral degree programs. Students lacking prerequisites are often unable to complete courses in the recommended sequence and find it difficult to complete the required courses for graduation within the normal time frame of study. Fulfilling prerequisites is usually demonstrated through pertinent coursework, however relevant professional experience that demonstrates knowledge of these concepts may be considered. The following prerequisites are required for admission to all freshwater sciences graduate degree programs.
   - A bachelor’s degree in biology, chemistry, economics, geosciences, mathematics, physics, public policy, or other appropriate natural science, social science or engineering discipline from an approved accredited institution.
   - At least one semester of each of the following: chemistry, biological sciences, and physics.
   - One additional semester of chemistry, biological sciences, or physics.
   - One semester calculus.”

The motion was seconded by Tom Consi and unanimously approved.

4. **Michael Carvan motioned that the following statement become policy as listed in the Graduate Bulletin:**
   “In order for Freshwater 502, 504, 506, 508, and 510 to be counted toward core course requirements, students must obtain a minimum grade of B. This requirement does not apply if 506, 508, or 510 are taken as electives. Students who earn a grade of B- or lower have not met the minimum requirement and will be allowed to repeat the core course once. Students are responsible for tuition in the repeated course. Those who do not meet the minimum grade requirements upon repeating the course will be recommended for academic dismissal. Student may not register for a course for which any of the core courses is a prerequisite until the minimum grade requirement is met.”

Jim Waples and Tim Grundl disagreed with the motion. Jenny Kehl believes this would cause grade inflation. Michael Carvan withdrew the motion.
5. Michael Carvan motioned that the approval of the Request for Authorization to Implement a Joint Doctorate of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Aquatic Sciences between University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee (UWM) and Universita Politecnica delle Marche (UNIVPM). The language of funding assistanceships was removed. Jenny Kehl expressed concern for where the funding is coming from. David Garman explained that the program will lay dormant if there is not funding available. Tom Consi expressed the need to begin involvement with the Italian school and faculty now to develop research relationships. Jhonatan Sepulveda Villet is already collaborating with faculty members. Eric Leaf explained that the donors for this would not be competing with regular donors. **Tom Consi seconded the motion, 2 against, 3 abstained, motion passed.**

B. Research Committee
Matthew Smith noted that the purchase order for teaching equipment has been placed. The glassware has arrived but some of the equipment is currently unavailable through the company.

C. Planning and Governance – there was nothing to report.

D. EC report – there was nothing to report.

VII. Dean’s and Associate Dean’s remarks
A. Val Klump remarked than he and Harvey Bootsma will begin making revisions of the curriculum, if needed.

VIII. Announcements and Reminders
A. Space Committee – Tom Consi reported from the Space Committee that discussion will begin on utilizing empty space, possibly the DNR room, as a lounge for students (specifically PSM, who do not have space currently). Possibly the DNR room.
B. Eric Leaf mentioned that fundraising will need to begin for the Green Team Concepts. Liz Sutton will be joining SFS’s external relations group. Approximately 1,600 people attended the Odyssey event.

IX. The meeting was adjourned 11:40 am.