Faculty Affairs Committee

Minutes - DRAFT

Friday, December 5, 2014
Room 225, SUB
1:00 PM

I. Call to Order – 1:04 – meeting attended by Jane Finan, Jennifer Cromer, Amanda Van Lanen, Cara Thompson, Jenny Scott, David Massaro, Clarence Griffin, Alex Bezzerides (guest), Martin Gibbs (guest)

II. Consent Agenda – motion to approve minutes by Jenny, 2nd by Cara, approved unanimously

III. Chair’s Report – Jane met with this year’s sabbatical applicants to discuss the process and reports that the conversations were productive and professional. The Provost has provided feedback that she strongly appreciates that the faculty affairs committee has been very thoughtful and looked at faculty development proposals and sabbatical proposals with much consideration and discussion.

IV. Guest Reports - none

V. New Business

   a. Faculty Development Grant Application – a draft of a revised application was provided and discussed. The goal is to develop an application that has more clear guidelines and sections. Having clear sections about how the activity will impact teaching and scholarly activity as well as clear sections about timeline budget will make it easier for both the applicant and the committee. From the perspective of the applicant, the structure will remove some of the questions about the process. Having a more structured system will make it easier for the committee to ultimately rank the applicants and divide the available funds. The bulk of the discussion was centered on how much weight to give each category in the ranking of the proposals.

   b. Martin Gibbs came to present about a proposed change to faculty policy 2.106. The humanities division is proposing to change the terminal degree for art, music, theatre, and creating writing to be an MFA, PhD, or equivalent. Amanda made a motion to approve the proposed changes, the motion received a 2nd by Cara, and the proposal was approved unanimously.

VI. Old Business – none

VII. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Jenny, 2nd by Cara, approved unanimously

Next meeting TBD