Faculty Senate Special Meeting

Meeting of September 17th

Attendance: A&S: Mary Balkun, Vanessa May, William K. Mott, Widian Nicola, Nathon Oates, Kristen Schultz, Leslie A. Bunnage, Matthew Corrigan, Travis Timmerman, Amy Hunter, Mehemet Alper Sahiner, Kelly Shea COAR: Catherine Zizik, Matthew Pressman, Ruth Tsuria Diplomacy: Phillip Mormen, Nabeela Alam CEHS: Mary Ruzicka, Peggy Brandy-Amoon, Bryan Meadows SHMS: Lamar Bolden, Ramona Guthrie, Sona Patel, Caryn Grabowski, Dawn Maffucci Nursing: Mary Ellen Roberts, Lori Wilt, Judith Lothian, Kristi Stinson SSOB: Anca Cotet-Grecu, Hongfei Tang, Theresa Henry, Mark Holtzman, Penina Orenstein, Craig Sorochuk Theology: Eric Johnston, Gregory Glazov University Libraries Kyle Downey

1. Signfor Quorum
2. The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm
3. Approval of agenda – Approved
4. Motion for the meeting to move into Executive Session.

The motion was approve unanimously

1. Motion related to restructuring for 9/17/21 special Senate meeting

Motion to amend:

* 1. ~~Therefore~~  Be it resolved the Faculty Senate respectfully calls upon the Board of Regents to reject the proposal for consolidation of schools and colleges and to remand the proposal to the Structure Committee for further deliberation in conjunction with the faculty of ~~any potentially affected~~ the ~~relevant~~ schools and colleges and the Faculty Senate through their normal faculty governance processes.

Be it further resolved that the Structure Committee will provide a report to the Regents based upon the work and recommendations of the Colleges and Schools by March 2022.

* + - Vote: Passed Unanimously
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     + Vote: Was not approved: 5 yes, 24 no, 0 abstentions

Motion to amend:

* 1. Whereas the University Structure Committee, established to develop a proposal for the reorganization of schools and colleges within the University, did not include representation from all schools and colleges; and deliberations of that committee were kept confidential until the presentation of its proposal;
     + Vote: Passed 28 yes, 1 abstention
  2. Motion to amend:~~Be it finally resolved that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and one faculty member of each school and college be invited to the board retreat to speak to the motion.~~

So be it finally resolved we request that the Executive Committee send the motion to Mr. Kevin Marino, President of the Board of Regents, President Nyre, and Provost Passerini.

* + - Vote: Approved Unanimously

Motion to extend the meeting by 10 minutes

* + - Vote: Approved Unanimously

Revised Motion:

Whereas the University Structure Committee, established to develop a proposal for the reorganization of schools and colleges within the University, did not include representation from all schools and colleges; and deliberations of that committee were kept confidential until the presentation of its proposal.

Whereas the schools and colleges involved in proposed mergers were invited to vote on the proposal pursuant to Faculty Guide section 11.4, but that the timeframe allocated for deliberation, from late April to the end of June, was inadequate for deliberation, especially because it coincided with the busy end of the academic year;

Whereas the Structure Committee’s draft proposals could have gone to the college and school faculty bodies and the Senate--with ample time to review and debate--and then their comments could have gone back to the Committee for them to consider. This give and take might then have addressed faculty concerns that no broader input was solicited during the development of the proposal; this might also have resulted in better proposals.

Whereas three out of the four schools proposed for mergers voted “no” on the proposal, and comments regarding the proposal on the website and from town hall meetings reflected overall negative sentiment about the proposals;

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* 1. Vote: : Passed Unanimously

1. Meeting was adjourned at 3:10pm