

**FACULTY POLICIES COMMITTEE
2013-2014**

Minutes

Feb. 5, 2014

Approved March 5, 2014

Present: S. Bowie, W. Buchan, S. Holl (Chair), M. Kochis, H. Lee, R. McCurdy, K. Porter (HR)

Absent: M. Beddow, D. Grushkin, H. Ozcelik (ex), A. Rechs, T. Wang (ex)

1. Called to Order at 1:08 pm
2. Open Forum: General discussion about new year, new semester..
3. Approval of Agenda – MSC (Buchan/Lee)
4. Approval of the Dec. 4, 2013 minutes – MSC (Lee/McCurdy)
5. Information Items /Announcements /Reports from SubCommittee Liasons
 - a. Center for Teaching and Learning [Maria Kochis]
Maria reported on the CTL Advisory Board meeting. The CTL was wondering what the purpose of our “University Conversations” is. Maria discussed our motivation and clearly described our goals.
No report at this time for the following:
 - b. Pedagogy Enhancement Awards Subcommittee [Wendy Buchan]
 - c. Research and Creative Activities Awards Subcommittee [Maggie Beddow]
 - d. Visiting Scholars Subcommittee [Adam Rechs]
 - e. Lifetime Achievement Award for Community Service Selection Committee [Ta-Chen]
 - f. Livingston Annual Faculty Lecturer Committee [Hakan Ozcelik]

Old Business:

6. Academic Calendar – the survey results were discussed and two proposed calendars were discussed. There is no common calendar for the local public school districts so aligning our calendar to the public schools could not be addressed. The consensus was that there were significant advantages to the calendar allows time to have a fall “break” (taking the entire week of Thanksgiving off). This calendar allows for two full weeks of instruction before Labor Day ensuring students do not wait to engage in the semester. There will be 73 instructional days in Fall and 74 instructional days in Spring. Spring break will be the 8th week after the start of class in the Spring. There will be sufficient time for a significant break between semesters allowing for winter intersession and summer school.
7. The second University Conversation on scholarly and creative activities will be Feb. 19, 2014 and will focus on dissemination. Adam will facilitate and Sue will take notes. The third conversation will be on support for scholarly and creative activities. Adam will facilitate and Maria will take notes.
8. Emeritus Faculty issues were discussed briefly. We will invite David Wagner, President of the Retired Faculty and Staff Association to join us at the March 5, 2014 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45.

Respectfully submitted, Susan L. Holl