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Faculty Assembly Meeting
February 4, 2015
DiStefano Lecture Hall, Antone Academic Center
3:00-4:30 p.m.
Quorum Count: 75

The minutes from the December 2014 meeting were approved without objection.

Announcements:

Academic Affairs: Dr. Scott Zeman (Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs) announced that he will be sending out invitations to a series of conversations with the faculty to discuss issues and ideas about the Office of Academic Affairs.

Treasurer's Report (James Yarnall): The current amount in the Assembly's fund is \$1,168.68. Fifty-one members have paid their dues.

Athletics: John Rok gave an update about the academic progress of Salve's student-athletes and encouraged faculty to consider becoming involved with the Nicaragua service trip.

Adjunct Faculty: Craig Condella announced that he and members of the Executive Committee will be meeting with adjunct faculty members on February 24, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in Miley 012.

Update on the status of the Academic Integrity Task Force: Craig Condella presented the charge that the Executive Committee created for the Academic Integrity Task Force that will begin meeting this semester. Dr. Condella also listed the members of the task force.

Curriculum Committee (Eileen Gray):

The committee presented four proposals for vote.

Motion: The Curriculum Committee moves that the Faculty Assembly endorse the change in the credits for Business Administration Minor as outlined by the proposal submitted by the Business Department at Salve Regina University.

Yes	92%
No	5%
Abstain	3%

The motion passed.

Motion: The Curriculum Committee moves that the Faculty Assembly endorse the revision in the MS in Innovation and Strategic Management as outlined by the proposal submitted by the Business Department at Salve Regina University.

Yes	83%
No	11%
Abstain	7%

The motion passed.

Motion: The Curriculum Committee moves that the Faculty Assembly endorse the creation of a new course in the Art major as outlined by the proposal submitted by the Department of Art at Salve Regina University.

Yes	96%
No	1%
Abstain	3%

The motion passed.

Motion: The Curriculum Committee moves that the Faculty Assembly endorse the creation of a minor in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies as outlined by the proposal submitted.

Yes	67%
No	28%
Abstain	5%

The motion passed.

Core Review Committee (Clark Merrill):

Clark Merrill provided an update on the implementation of the new core curriculum. Faculty and students completed evaluations of University Seminar I and the process of assessment is ongoing. Proposals have been received for University Seminar I for Fall 2015. Proposals from departments for courses that fulfill Parts II and III of the new core are also being received.

Three professors (Lindsay Guarino, Chad Raymond, and Troy Catterson) discussed their experiences teaching University Seminar I during the Fall 2014 semester.

Question: How did the issue of student choice play out? There have been complaints from students about not getting one of their top choices.

Answer (Clark Merrill): Approximately 2/3 of student received one of their top three choices.

Comment: What fits into their schedule tends to determine which seminar students end up in. Maybe the university should set aside a specific time in which all of the university seminars meet.

Comment: Getting their top choice isn't as important as having a good learning experience.

Executive Session

Adjourned 4:26 p.m.