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Faculty Assembly Minutes
October 6, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 2:32 PM.

1. The minutes for the April 2010 faculty assembly meeting were approved with minor corrections.

2. Reports and Announcements

- Treasurer's Report: (Craig Condella)
Announced a \$795 balance remaining in the faculty assembly account.
He also called for a collection of 2010 dues (\$20)
- FACSBS: (Jameson Chace)
Jameson Chace and John Quinn are co-chairs.
Call for volunteers (especially full professor). The committee is gathering information and preparing a proposal for a December meeting with the President.

3. Curriculum Committee (Chad Raymond)

A new curriculum committee was proposed (information distributed before assembly). Faculty expressed concerns about the rationale of the proposal, timing of the process, and the evaluation of curricular changes by individuals from different departments that may not be the best informed. It was suggested that the existing system be assessed. Faculty expressed a possibility to have a curriculum committee as part of a shared governance structure. It was suggested that faculty write a short abstract that describes the charge of a curriculum committee to be submitted to the executive committee.

4. Environmental Studies Program (Lisa Zuccarelli and Michael Budd)

An Interdisciplinary Environmental Studies Major was proposed (information distributed before assembly). The new major consists of eight different departments. Courses and rationale presented. Faculty expressed concerns that major is credit intensive, however, it was noted that the core complements are required of the major. Suggestions to create new electives for the major were proposed. A motion to approve the Environmental Science Program passed unanimously.

5. Evaluation Process Committee (Chad Raymond)

Proposed a change to the evaluation process committee (EPC) that is reflective of the new university reorganization. Requires a new member from the professional studies.

6. Election Committee (James Mitchell)

Election committee reported that no chair had been elected and the committee was missing a member due to the new university reorganization. Discussions for earlier elections and online approaches will be on the agenda for the election committee.

7. History Announcement (Tim Neary)

A proposal to change the existing interdisciplinary American Studies Major was proposed (information distributed before assembly). Faculty expressed concerns that a course concerning the American government system was not a required component. Tim Neary will make a change to the existing proposal before the motion is presented to the faculty.

Meeting adjourned at 4:01

Respectfully submitted
Steven B. Symington