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Quorum Count: 57

Minutes from the previously assembly approved; by consent (3:08 p.m.)

Treasurer's Report (Dr. Lisa Zuccarelli): The current amount in the treasury is $1090.00.

Dr. Craig Condella (Speaker of the assembly) announced the names of the faculty members selected for the Core Curriculum Implementation Working Group:

Elected members: Sr. Lisa Zuccarelli, Khalil Habib, Jameson Chace, and Clark Merrill

Appointed members: Sr. Pat Combies, Mary Lou Lyons, and Myra Edelstein

Laura O'Toole (Dean of Arts and Sciences) and Louise Monast (Registrar) will serve as Ex-Officio members of the group.

Motion: That the Evaluation Process Committee be reduced from six members to four. Members will be elected by the Faculty Assembly and serve staggered 2-year terms.

Discussion: Why reduce the number of members? This seems like a good way to provide new faculty with opportunities to serve the university.

Discussion: The work of the committee in the past has proceeded so smoothly that it was thought that the committee did not need so many members.

Discussion: Improved technology means that the committee doesn't need so many members to complete its work.

Discussion: What is the role and function of the EPC? What do they do?

Discussion: The speaker read the official charter for the EPC.

Discussion: The purpose was to create a committee to hear about the goals of the administrators and how they planned to go about meeting those goals.

Discussion: It was a challenge in getting the administration to agree to the evaluation process. This motion seems to be reducing the importance of the EPC and that seems like a step backward.

Vote on Motion to Endorse: Yes   33%
                             No   60%
                             Abstain 7%

The speaker announced that the Elections Committee will replace the two departed members of the committee in order to keep its membership at 6.

Curriculum Committee (Dr. Steven Symington)

Sample presentation of the new online review system for faculty feedback on curriculum proposals.

Question: If a department chair sees a problem with a proposal, will the system show that the comment is from a department chair.

Answer (Dr. Steven Symington): Yes

Question: Will the faculty still have the requirement to list those who have been contacted about the proposal already?

Answer (Dr. Steven Symington): Yes

Question: Can the sponsor of the proposal revise it based on the comments posted by the faculty?

Answer (Dr. Steven Symington): Yes, through the Curriculum Committee directly.

Motion: The Curriculum Committee moves that the Faculty Assembly endorse the creation of a Doctor of Nursing Practice Program as outlined in the proposal submitted by the Department of Nursing at Salve Regina University.

Question: What is the likelihood that someone from this program would be hired for a faculty position at Salve Regina University?

Answer (Dr. Eileen Gray): That is the goal.

Question: How many current faculty have this credential?

Answer (Dr. Eileen Gray): 2

Question: How long will the program take to complete?

Answer (Dr. Eileen Gray): 5 years, part-time

Question: Will undergraduate nursing majors be recruited for the program?

Answer (Dr. Eileen Gray): Yes, that is the hope.

Question: Some programs consider it problematic to hire their own graduates for faculty positions. Will this create too much competition among the students in the program?

Answer (Dr. Eileen Gray): Given the shortage of potential nursing faculty with this credential, that would be a good problem to have.

Question: Is there an accreditation agency related to this program?

Answer (Dr. Eileen Gray): Yes, the CCNE.

New Quorum Count: 59

Vote on Motion to Endorse: Yes   78%
                                        No   14%
                                        Abstain 8%

Open Forum on Information Technology

Discussion: Is there a way IT is assessed by the faculty?

Discussion: Faculty submit something for the website and it doesn't appear for months (for example, an updated CV on a professor's profile).

Discussion: There is an advisory committee for IT that includes 3 faculty members.

Discussion: Two years ago there was a committee led by the Dean that asked members to monitor and report on faculty concerns regarding IT. The committee no longer exists. Faculty should have a group that can monitor the status of faculty IT requests.

Discussion: Faculty can't separate their graduate and undergraduate advisee lists.

Discussion: The committee two years ago was charged with hearing faculty concerns particularly about the DataTel system. Many of the needed fixes were considered too expensive by the administration. There should be a questionnaire given to faculty to start to deal with problems and concerns with IT.

Discussion: Faculty need the option to attach documents to messages sent through MySalve.

Discussion: The Executive Committee should draw up a document that lists faculty grievances and requests for IT. The assembly should vote on it and submit it to the administration.

Discussion: Salve alumni should be allowed to maintain Salve e-mail accounts in order to maintain their contact with the university.

Discussion: Salve Regina University doesn't do well with communication. The usual response to an IT request is "We can't do that."

Discussion: Retired faculty, even those without emeritus status, should be able to retain their Salve e-mail account.

Discussion: There have been problems with conferences held at Salve. Visiting faculty were unable to access the internet and it made the university look ridiculous.

Discussion: There's no real forum for faculty who want to innovate and push the envelope when it comes to technology in their classrooms.

Discussion: There is no computer lab in O'Hare.

Discussion: After a faculty member issued a complaint about not being able to post photos, IT responded that some Salve faculty have tried to post inappropriate photos.

Discussion: Salve faculty are just as responsible as professors at other schools and should be trusted to be professional.

Craig Condella: The issue will be referred to the Executive Committee for action.

New Business:

Report from FACSB (Dr. Jameson Chace): Jameson Chace, Bernard Munge, and John Quinn met with Sr. Jane before Thanksgiving. It was a positive meeting and she seemed receptive to faculty concerns. FACSB will put together a proposal for the endorsement of the assembly at the February meeting.

Question: What is the job description for the provost search?

Answer (Craig Condella): The title will be Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Question: When is the provost job ad coming out?

Answer (Craig Condella): That will have to come from Dr. Jim Ludes, chair of the search committee.

Meeting adjourned, 3:59 p.m.