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Faculty Assembly Meeting
December 3, 2014
Bazarsky Lecture Hall, O'Hare Academic Center
3:00-4:30 p.m.
Quorum Count: 64

The minutes from the October and November 2014 meetings were approved without objection.

Announcements:

Treasurer's Report (James Yarnall): The current amount in the Assembly's fund is \$1,408.68. Forty-nine members have paid their dues.

Faculty Development Committee Report (Nick Vanselow): The committee is organizing free lunches for the spring semester where faculty can discuss teaching. The first lunch is on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 12:15 and the second is on Wednesday, January 28, at 12 noon.

Update on the status of the Academic Integrity Policy (Craig Condella): The Academic Integrity Committee will be formed before winter break. The Executive Committee is preparing the charge for the committee.

Adjunct Update (Craig Condella): Dr. Condella will hold a meeting for the adjunct faculty early in the spring semester.

Curriculum Committee Update:

Eileen Gray (Chair of the Curriculum Committee) announced that forthcoming proposals include a revision to the Religious and Theological Studies minor and a course change in Psychology.

Motion: The Curriculum Committee moves that the Faculty Assembly endorse the creation of a B.S. degree in Cultural and Historic Preservation as outlined by the proposal submitted by the Cultural and Historic Preservation Program at Salve Regina University.

Robert Russell (Director of the CHP Program) stated that the apprenticeship component of the new major will be done in the final semester with no other courses that semester.

Question: Will adjunct faculty teach the courses?

Answer (Robert Russell): Yes, through the IYRS School of Technology and Trades in Newport. Salve will not need to hire any new faculty.

Comment: This is an excellent program.

Comment: I want to echo the last comment. IYRS has a wonderful library.

Question: Will the students get licensed in a trade after their apprenticeship?

Answer (Robert Russell): No, these aren't licensed trades. But they will have a portfolio of work to show potential employers.

VOTE Yes = 90%
 No = 7%
 Abstain = 3%

The motion passed.

Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Committee Update:

Committee members Anthony Mangieri, Sally Gomaa, and Carol Gibbons provided an update on the proposed interdisciplinary minor in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. They provided information on the committee membership, the requirements of the proposed minor, and a list of courses that could count for the minor. A vote on the minor will be coming in early 2015 and the committee asked faculty to notify the committee of any additional course possibilities and if a faculty member is interested in teaching in the program.

Question: Are there learning outcomes for the minor?

Answer (Anthony Mangieri): Yes, they will be included in the proposal.

Question: Is the committee settled on the name for the program?

Answer (Carol Gibbons): Yes. Women's Studies is no longer in common use in academia. This is a more current and more specific program name.

Question: Where will this program be housed? Is it an independent program or is it housed in a department?

Answer (James Mitchell, Assistant Dean of Arts and Sciences): It will be an independent, interdisciplinary program.

Executive Session:

The Faculty Assembly went into executive session to receive an update from FACSBS chair Jameson Chace on proposals the committee will be submitting to Sr. Jane.

Adjourned 4:55 p.m.