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Faculty Assembly Meeting
April 4th, 2012
Antone Center, Room 128

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 PM. Faculty used the clickers to check in.

1. The Faculty Assembly meeting minutes from March 7th, 2012 were approved as written.
2. Opening remarks (James Mitchell)

The faculty social is scheduled for May 23 at Atlantic Beach Club in Middletown, RI. The cost is \$35 per person. Cocktail hour from 6-7 PM and dinner at 7 PM. Please RSVP to Dr. Debra Curtis by May 9th, 2012. The RSVP form can be found at the following link.

<https://web.salve.edu/mysalve/Faculty/Offices/AcademicAffairs/>

Dr. Mitchell also encouraged faculty to participate in the SRU Collegium in late August. To RSVP for this event contact Sister Leona Misto, Vice President for Mission Integration.

Dr. Mitchell announced that the Executive Committee contacted Laura McPhie Oliveira with questions related to faculty representation on the viewbook. Laura indicated that the President had formed an ad hoc committee on Marketing on which faculty were represented (Madeline Esch and Tracy Warrington serve). This committee will report out this summer. Laura also indicated that she will solicit faculty feedback when the viewbook is next up for revision but she is open to hearing individual faculty feedback now. If you are interested, Laura encourages us to contact her directly. She also noted that the current viewbook was reviewed by the academic administration.

Dr. Mitchell also announced that the elected committees for the 2012-2013 academic year have been determined. A full list of the elected committees for the upcoming year was presented to the faculty and the document was posted on mywebcourses.salve.edu.

Louise Monast introduced herself as the new University Registrar.

3. Old Business

A motion was presented to the faculty to endorse a proposed revised International Studies Major. The faculty vote was as follows: 39 yes, 23 no, 3 abstentions. The motion was approved.

A motion was presented to the faculty to endorse the Academic Vision. The faculty vote was as follows: 38 yes, 21 no, and 6 abstentions. The motion was approved

A motion was presented to faculty to endorse a graduate program in Administration of Justice. The faculty vote was as follows: 48 yes, 9 no, 12 abstentions. The motion was approved.

4. Reports and Announcements

Treasurer's Report (Craig Condella). Dr. Condella announced that there was approximately \$700 in the Faculty Assembly fund. Dr. Condella indicated that 85 faculty have paid their dues and encouraged the remaining faculty to pay their dues (\$20). He also announced that a Dante

Reading Group meets the first Tuesday every month. Contact Dr. Condella if you are interested in participating.

MyWebCourses: (Annette Torrey) Annette Torrey reported on the evaluation process of new learning management systems (LMS) that occurred through the last year. Mywebcourses will no longer be supported so a switch to a new LMS is needed. In the fall 2013 SRU will be moving to Instructure Canvas, which will be hosted in a cloud based system. Delay with the process is due to the need for a fiber optic network to reach the island. SRU will move to Blackboard for the interim year. Training sessions will be run during May and August for Fall 2012.

Atwood Committee: (Deb Curtis). Dr. Curtis announced that the Atwood committee is seeking recommendations from faculty for speakers to bring to campus for the seminar series. The purpose of the committee is to promote and organize events that enhance the intellectual community of SRU. The members of the committee are Deb Curtis, Luigi Bradizza, Will Stout, Khalil Habib, Kristine Hendrickson.

Faculty Athletic Representative: (John Rok) Mr. Rok, Colin Sullivan and Lisa Yenush acknowledged the faculty that serve as mentors for the SRU sports teams.

Core Curriculum Task Force: (Alison Shakarian) Alison Shakarian provided an update of the ongoing activities of the core curriculum task force. The task force is in the process of reviewing the best practices from other institutions, the survey information obtained from the students (526 respondents) and the faculty (76 respondents). Each of the subcommittees is in the process of summarizing their data. The data will be shared with the faculty via mywebcourses when completed and faculty response to the information will be solicited in the May workshops.

Emeritus document (James Mitchell). Dr. Mitchell reported that the Executive Committee revised the emeritus document based on faculty concerns. The revised document was presented to the faculty. Faculty raised questions about the inclusion of the Rank of Associate Professor. The Assembly requested that the Executive Committee investigate best practices at other institutions and report back to the Assembly.

Dean O'Toole thanked everybody for their involvement if SRyou 2012.

Dean Warrington announced that the SRU will be piloting an undergraduate virtual summer.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:28 meeting.