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Faculty Assembly  
5/1/2013

Quorum Count: 59

Minutes approved: 57, 1, 1

Proposal for change in process for choosing Student Speaker—open for discussion.

- \* Unable to understand the problem with the current process
- \* With growing variety of programs and different expectations, there are differences with the way people grade (mastery, curve, improvement), and so GPAs aren't all based on the same rubrics/expectations. Lack of equity in the choice. What are we looking for in a Student Speaker. Different voices, including people whose gifts aren't entirely academic.
- \* So why aren't we also questioning the honor cords? Why aren't students choosing their student speaker? New policy doesn't offer criteria. But we keep in place the other real significant academic things based on a system that is problematic. Is what we're doing here clear?
- \* Department? In a broadly construed manner? Is this also programs?
- \* Friendly amendment. Add "program" to the motion.
- \* What would happen to the person who was valedictorian? Would they speak on one day and the student speaker on another? They would be honored.
- \* Exec Ctte—part of the address is the quality of the speech.
- \* Maybe two things should have been considered in this motion. The way we choose a speaker and the way we deal with honors. Given the discrepancy in the way grades are awarded/earned we should pursue.
- \* Valedictorian speak at Honors and Awards, the student speaker at graduation.
- \* Motion: That the Faculty Assembly accepts the proposed changes to choosing the Student Speaker. 31, 26, 7 (Passes)
- \* Changes to EPC. Motion to accepted changes to EPC. Discussion.
- \* We worked hard to become a faculty with a voice, but this proposal stifles that.
- \* Also opposed, as some communication might break down.

\* If you don't know the deans well enough then you should get to know them. Former chairs can also fill in forms. NEASC concerned about shared governance. The changes recommended take away the voice of the vast majority of the faculty.

\* Motion: That the Faculty Assembly accepted proposed changes to the EPC. 9, 52, 5 (doesn't pass)

\* Vote for Speaker of the Faculty Assembly (Jayme Hennessy). Call for nominations. Lisa Zuccarelli (refused). Craig Condella. Michael Budd. Don St. Jean. Peter Davis (refused). Nominations closed. Paper ballot. Winner of election is Craig Condella. Can we announce the results? No, the results are not announced. Preserve the privacy of/respect for the faculty members.

\* Craig Condella. Pay up.

\* Arlene Nicholas—Judith Keenan Scholarship. “Give to Salve,” “Ways to Give,” “Online Gift Forms”

\* Craig Condella. Graduate Humanities Survey. Brief survey (10 questions) coming in the next few days. Please complete this—it'll only take 10-15 minutes.

\* SRyou—we have extra t-shirts

\* JD and Deb: Faculty Social. Valley Inn, Portsmouth. Need to know who needs vegetarian/vegan. Ghost story. Wine tasting. Questions—e-mail or call me.

\* Governance report is ready to be posted. Isn't it already?

\* Thanks to Martha for her service this year.

\* Motion to adjourn.