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MINUTES
FACULTY ASSEMBLY Wednesday DECEMBER 6, 2017
3:05 pm – 4:35 pm Bazarisky Auditorium

I. Call to Order and Quorum Count*

Quorum was called and it was reached: 62

II. Reflection

We prayed a prayer together

III. Approval of the Minutes of the Faculty Assembly Meeting of November 1, 2017*

Minutes approved by voice vote with no additions.

IV. UPDATES

Julia Gambardella: Student Chair of the SRYou Planning Committee

Update: 24 proposals, 50 presenters, this is great, but keep them coming
Form closes Feb 1, it is open over winter break.
Please continue to encourage students

Dr. Arnold: Updates from the Interim Provost

Dr. Arnold had a meeting with the President and Vice President of SGA and also a meeting with the department chairs to discuss students' points of view on academics: they are taken seriously. Dr. Arnold encouraged faculty to make sure students fill out the evaluations. He suggested having them do that during the final minutes of a class period and the professor leave the room.

IT: Dr. Arnold had a meeting with Glenn Clark; Glenn would like to restart an academic computing users group to work on the many IT issues we have. Every department chair received data on IT, and all the data will be presented in a more digestible form later; you can ask your chairs to see the current data. IT does not include the website; that is Mike Semenza's area.

Assessment of the core: Dr. Arnold comments on that in his report.

Finances: Finances are strong, and Dr. Arnold is glad that Bill Hall will report to FA today.

We welcome our new registrar Alissa Bertram
New software package: the optimizer

William Hall: Vice President of Administration/ Chief Financial Officer
University budget, campus improvements/building/Q&A

Bill Hall introduced himself personally and outlined his history and roles at Salve Regina University.

He then handed out 3 detailed sheets and took the faculty step by step through them explaining many dimensions of finances at SRU. This was followed by a q&a dialogue.

Tim Neary, Emily Colbert Cairns and Troy Catterson presented the First Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend Celebration, and encouraged everyone to participate and to make the event known to our students.

V. Speaker's Report

Status of the motion from the last meeting concerning the meaning of the term "synthesize" in the clause about synthesizing the themes in the capstone courses: The CRC recommended to CC to withdraw it, therefore it is withdrawn. It is a bigger question. We need to have a more substantive discussions outside of the FA meeting.

Results of May Faculty Workshop

May Faculty Workshop survey results: results were positive overall. About 17 respondents wrote out their thoughts.

Anne Reid will be creating a student-faculty research group from all departments.

VI. Treasurer's Report

Jon Marcoux

We have: \$1352.11

Please pay dues

VII. COMMITTEES and *ad hoc* Sub-Committees

Curriculum Committee: Dr. Chace

4 capstones have been up with no comments and so they will move on to CRC

Please remember to look at SharePoint

CC is helping the Registrar with Catalogue revisions. The Catalogue will be ready online on June 1.

Core Review Committee: Dr. LoPresti

SLO 2.1 demonstrate knowledge of the truth in Math and Sciences.

CRC is asking departments and faculty this means in their field and how it is assessed: Math, Biology, Modern and Classical Languages.

SLO 4.4 demonstrate awareness of the challenges facing society.

33 courses in the core engage this SLO. What does it mean to those professors? CRC will ask that, and then develop assessment.

SLOs are engaged at different levels in different courses: introductory, intermediate, mastery. We need to know which course is at which level. Department Chairs should consult with faculty teaching these courses.

Capstone course: This Spring we will ask instructors of Capstone courses about assessment: perhaps to use one class period to do this. What does "synthesize" mean? Should we be synthesizing or just focusing on capping the major? CRC will hold listening sessions to discuss Capstones and report back to FA.

Announcement of Study-Faculty Scholar Working Group

Academic Integrity: Faculty Insights: Lisa put forward a number of questions and we utilized the clickers to get a sense on this issues we deal with concerning student academic integrity. This data will be used to design a policy that we want, as we currently do not have one.

VIII: New Business

Craig Condella: FACSB meeting will be held in O'Hare 242 1pm on December 15th

Lou Bradizza: For student evaluations to be accurate, we need either: (1) a large percentage of a class to respond; or (2) a smaller percentage that is randomly selected from the class. Since we have moved to electronic evaluations, we have seen response rates in the range of 50% or so. And the students who respond are not randomly selected; instead, they select themselves. This introduces bias into our statistics. Our evaluations are therefore of questionable validity. We need to increase our response rates.

IX: From the floor announcements

A wine and cheese social for Faculty Mentoring Program immediately follows this meeting in Jazzman's Café with refreshments provided by the Office of Academic Affairs

Adjournment