

Faculty Senate

Friday, September 23, 2022

Meeting called to order 9:04 am

Roll: Kristina Radivojevich, Matt Buel, Cindy Kirksey, Kellie Thomas, Anthony Hartman, Amy Cark

Minutes from 8/26/22 and 9/8/22: Kristina stated that the minutes have been distributed to you. Are there any corrections? With no corrections voiced, the minutes are approved as distributed.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Officer luncheon update provided regarding the following:
 - a. Scheduling and changes to scheduling this semester
 - i. Loss of students due to scheduling. Response: would be good to conduct an all-faculty meeting to work on scheduling and be comprehensive in nature. Also, if changing or canceling classes, this should be done 2-3 weeks beforehand as this would be enough time to know if a class will make or not.
 - b. SSCH hours conversation. Faculty concern expressed regarding where this is going. There is conceptual understanding but wondering how this will impact the future.
 - i. Kristina noted that SSCH hours were reported during the Board of Trustees meeting from each respective school within the system.
 - ii. Both Dr. Myers and Dr. Daniel provided assurance that there is nothing to worry about and this helps to make sure our future is stable. Dr. Myers mentioned this has been looked at since he first came to ASUMH. SSCH gives a better financial picture versus just looking at enrollment only. We are being more cognizant of looking at this carefully and making everyone aware in order to ensure we stay on top of this and maintain good financial standing.
 - c. IT problems. Faculty are attempting to resolve both student and faculty IT issues at times due to lack of availability. It has been found that Tamyia responds to emails when phones are not being answered. Response: This is being worked on.
 - i. Emails not going through when using group email addresses. Response: not everyone has permission to send emails through some of the group designated addresses (for example, asumh@asumh.edu, staff@asumh.edu, and ffaculty@asumh.edu) . Tamyia is addressing this issue. The permissions were put in place by a former employee, so IT is working to get these permissions up to date with the correct people.

- d. Gaps in administration/leadership. This was discussed briefly and decided this needs to be an ongoing discussion and will bring this topic up at the next luncheon.
 - e. Convocation week professional development. Faculty expressed this took too much time which causes some to complete advising from home, as well as prep for classes outside of working hours. Dr. Daniel is working to find a “happy medium” and will work to try to offer more training throughout the year so there isn’t so much at the start.
 - f. Academic Calendar Workgroup. Discussion regarding the need for such a workgroup and those individuals that should be included in the workgroup. It was suggested that William Kimbriel, Wayna Dockins, David Cullipher, Clay Berry, and Nathan Lueck be included, along with 1 faculty representative from each school. This should be placed under Academic Affairs to ensure that the respective deans are also a part of the discussions and decisions. This group would not be an adhoc group as it is needed yearly. They would only meet to plan for the academic calendar. MHPS typically puts their calendar out around the 20th of January for the following school year, so we need to have a calendar by early February. Also, it is important to note that we need to ensure that we use the full semester and not end classes early as this affects financial aid/scholarships for some students.
2. Faculty member needs to be elected to Planning and Budgeting Committee. Robert Shurley volunteered. Kristina made a motion to accept Robert for this position, Matt seconded and I’s carried.
 3. A change to fall break was brought to the Senate’s attention. It would allow for a Monday and Tuesday off during mid October. Thanksgiving break would be changed to Wednesday through Friday off for the holiday. Kelli suggested a faculty poll to gauge interest. Kristina to develop and send out a survey and will discuss at next meeting.

Next meeting 10/14 @ 9:30a, in D103

Mtg adjourned at 9:46a

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