

Faculty Council Meeting

August 31, 2016

Mackin Room, Grasselli Library

The following Faculty Council Members were in attendance: Barbara D'Ambrosia (chair), Jean Feerick (vice chair), Brendan Foreman (secretary), William Bockanic, Medora Barnes, Mary Beadle, William Bockanic, Emily Butler, Larry Cima, Roy Day, Gwen Compton-Engle, Kristen Ernhardt, Jean Feerick, Simon Fitzpatrick, Marcus Gallo, Rick Greci, Dan Kilbride, Mike Martin, Annie Moses, Jackie Nagle, David Shutkin, Nancy Taylor, Peifang Tian, Jerry Weinstein, Tom Zlatoper.

No Faculty Council members were absent.

The agenda for the meeting was distributed in advance as well as all other needed material. The meeting began at 2:00pm.

Minutes

1. Introduction of Faculty Members

Dr. Barbara D'Ambrosia welcomed the new Faculty Council to a new academic year, and all members of the Council introduced themselves.

2. Chair's announcements

The minutes for the April 13 meeting were approved by acclamation. It was noted that the minutes for the May 15 meeting were also available online and also approved by acclamation.

Dr. Barbara D'Ambrosia reported out on several administrative responses to FC proposals from the previous academic year.

The changes to the Core Curriculum passed by the Faculty in May 2016 were approved by the President on May 20, 2016.

The Approval and Notification Process for Curricular Changes (which were passed by the President on April 13, 2016) were only provisionally approved by the Provost – Exceptions will be made by the Provost that are determined to be a strategic priority.

Regarding the Approval and Notification Process, Roy Day thanked GCC, last year's chair of CAP, for getting this policy developed and implemented so quickly.

Dr. Barbara D'Ambrosia brought attention to several new annual reports that had come out during the summer: the first annual Integrative Core Curriculum Report and the first First in the World Grant Report. Both reports are posted on the Faculty Canvas site. Dr. Barbara D'Ambrosia also noted that she had extracted the UCCG report from a university-wide email message and posted that on the Canvas site. She urged all FC members to read all three reports.

The Mass of the Celebration of the Spirit occurs on September 8. The faculty have been asked to have one representative carry a candle during the Mass Procession and another carry a banner. Dr. Jean Feerick volunteered to carry the candle. A banner holder was not designated.

3. Faculty Council appointments

In order to fill several temporary vacancies in Faculty Council, **Dr. Mindy Peden moved (seconded by Dr. Gwen Compton-Engle) that the following appointments be made:**

- Dr. Jacqueline Nagle to substitute for Dr. Nathan Gehlert
- Dr. Gerald Weinstein to substitute for Dr. Mariah Weninger
- Dr. Brenda Wirkus for Dr. Paul Lauritzen

The motion passed 22-0.

4. Faculty Elections

Dr. Roy Day spoke about the upcoming faculty elections.

- The voting protocol will be moving to Canvas this year. Canvas provides more security, confidentiality and less hassle than the previous election software did.
- Dr. Kathleen Manning is listed as being elected in Spring 2016 to the Faculty Grievance Pool but is ineligible to serve since she is already on the Faculty Board of Review. Roy suggested that the candidate in the same category with the next highest number of votes be given the spot. A motion to make this so was moved by Roy, seconded by another Faculty Council member, and passed 23-0.

- Currently, there are several vacancies in both Faculty Council and University committees. Dr. Barbara D'Ambrosia, noting the large span of time between this Faculty Council meeting and the next General Faculty meeting, suggested that we start the election in 2 weeks due to the need for these positions to be filled. This was passed by acclamation.
- The current numbers for voting:
 - There are 192 voting faculty members
 - Thus, a quorum is 39 faculty members and a majority is 97.
- The Elections Committee is working on how to facilitate confidential voting in faculty meetings.

5. Proposals for New Academic Programs

Several proposals for new academic programs were presented to the Faculty Council. Dr. Barbara D'Ambrosia declared that CAP can begin looking into these proposals before all of the letters of support were submitted. In particular, the Council should move to send these proposals forward to CAP for review.

- Data Science from MT/CS
Dr. Mindy Peden moved (Dr. Nancy Taylor seconded) to send this proposal to CAP.
 The motion passed, 23-0.
- Global Studies
Dr. Roy Day moved (Dr. Medora Barnes seconded) to send this proposal to CAP.
 The motion passed 23-0.
- Minor in Actuarial Science from MT/CS
Dr. Emily Butler moved (Dr. Mindy Peden seconded) to send this proposal to CAP.
 The motion passed, 23-0.
- CCP Math from MT/CS
Dr. Gwen Compton-Engle moved (Dr. Tom Zlatoper seconded) to send this proposal to CAP.
 The motion passed, 22-0-1 (1 abstention).

Dr. Peifang Tian, chair of CAP, asked some clarifying questions regarding procedure:

- Q: Is there a priority of order in reviewing this proposals? Is reviewing the shorter proposals first allowable, or is there another preferred order?

One Faculty Council member suggested that CAP should make sure whether there is any overlap among all of the MT/CS proposals

Another FC member opposed us telling CAP how to do it job as long as CAP kept to the required timeline.

- Q: Who should be the administration representatives working with CAP on these proposals?

The following suggestions were made:

For Global Studies: Dr. Pamela Mason

For both Data Science and Actuarial Science: Dr. Graciela Lacueva or Dr. Brian Willams

For CCP: Dr. Anne Kugler

Dr. Barbara D'Ambrosia brought forward one more possible program: the re-design of the Statistics minor by MT/CS. This program is being redesigned as a Minor in "Statistics and Analytics." She asked whether it would be needed to submit this to CAP as well. After some clarification over the history and specifics of the new design and some discussion about precedent cases, it was decided that CAP did not need to review this re-design.

6. Report from Provost Council

Dr. Jean Feerick reviewed the pertinent events of the previous Provost's Council.

As expected, a substantial amount of time was spent in planning for the upcoming HLC events. There was also general discussions about the use of student data in order to understand general needs for the students of the current academic year, e.g., data from the HLC survey, Boler survey, Residents' survey as well as the FITW data. The Provost has targeted the Spring 2017 semester as the time to begin analyzing this data.

The Provost's Council also addressed issues dealing with the Retention Council and how to continue the student conversation that occurred last year regarding race and diversity.

The Provost Council also addressed the need to streamline the committee structure of JCU governance. One idea put forward by the Provost was to create four "mega-committees" that oversaw the work of all committees on campus.

This last item started a discussion among the Faculty Council members about a review of the current faculty governance structure. Dr. Barbara D'Ambrosia asked Council members whether we should begin this work now or wait to see how the new university

committee structure will pan out. Several issues were pointed out: how would this new university committee structure involve Faculty Council? Does Faculty Council have a larger institutional authority that it reports to? Is Faculty Council the “right size” for the number of faculty members we currently have? (Some context for this question: the ratio of Faculty Councils to general Faculty members is rather large: approximately 1:8)

Finally, it was suggested that a review similar to an APR be conducted for faculty governance: that is, a self-study with external reviewers. Several Faculty Council members voiced support for pursuing this particular line of inquiry.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15pm.