

**General Faculty Meeting**  
**Oct. 18, 2017**  
**2:00PM – 3:15PM**  
**Donahue Auditorium**

Faculty Council members in attendance: Medora Barnes, William Bockanic, Brent Brossmann (vice-chair), Emily Butler (chair), Mina Chercourt, Larry Cima, Gwen Compton-Engle, Ruth Connell, Jeff Dyck, Kris Ehrhardt (secretary), Brendan Foreman, Marcus Gallo, Nathan Gehlert, Richard Greci, Dan Kilbride, Bo Liu, Michael Martin, Frank Navrati, Chris Sheil, Paul Shick, David Shutkin, Kristen, Tobey, Mariah Webinger

A quorum was reached at 2:05 pm and the meeting began.

Minutes:

- I. Chair's announcements
  - a. Minutes of Sept. 20, 2017 faculty meeting (posted on the Faculty Council website) were approved.
  - b. The following important dates were announced:
    - i. Oct. 25: University Forum on Enrollment and Marketing
    - ii. Nov. 1: Faculty Council meeting **in Dolan E228**
    - iii. Nov. 15: General faculty meeting
  
- II. Orientation to new course search feature on Banner
  - Marty Hendren and John Sully walked through the new class schedule view on Banner. They explained the old way of viewing classes was a customized view that had to be removed because it's no longer supported by Banner. This is part of switching to Banner 9 (note that we're going to continue using Banner; this was a decision made by the Board); the older version of Banner is now unsupported by Banner. The switch to Banner 9 means removing most of what was customized before. Ideally, we should gain much more functionality for students, faculty and advisors when the entire switchover finally happens.
  - In terms of what the new screen view looks like, there are a few areas of confusion. You can search by subject and by attribute type, but to search by attribute type you have to select departments. You can "select-all" in whatever way your computer's browser prefers (e.g. command/ctrl-a, or holding down command/ctrl while selecting with your cursor). Also, you need to select a term to get the current term's classes.

- The goal is to have Banner 9 available before next registration period. It's a more user-friendly search than this one and will include some new tools for students and advisors, including a student-view for advisors. Furthermore, students have been using this sort of search for the last two registration periods.
- At this point the floor was opened for comments:
  - A faculty member suggested that a line between classes in search be added for the sake of clarity.
  - Another faculty member suggested that the view with a running list of seat counts—be made available for students to view.
    - This question arose again a bit later, leading to some debate about whether the allowing students to see the loading report list (which includes seat counts) could be a feasible solution or whether it would be too heavy a burden on the system. {Secretary notes that this change was made and this option does appear in Banner.}
  - A faculty member asked whether there is a button where you can select only open courses? Answer: No, but that would be awesome.
  - Another asked, Do prereqs show up on the main screen when you search? Answer: Yes.
  - Another question: Will registration be a total disaster? Answer: Hopefully not. Students were already using this view, and according to google analytics, the number of students using the new view vs. the old view was even; even if faculty weren't using the new view before, students were apparently using it without too many issues.
  - A final question: Where should I send students who have questions about this? Answer: We've been asking students to come into the registrar's office so we can show them how to do it.

### III. Faculty communication list-serv

- Butler announced that Faculty Council is in the process of forming a Google group as a way for faculty to disseminate information among the faculty, outside of faculty council business (e.g faculty orgs that want to send out information to everyone).

### IV. Update on faculty input to presidential search

- Butler reported that an email went out to whole campus community from Merriman about the expanded feedback group. She also noted that the finalized position posting is now available on presidential search webpage. All comments submitted via Canvas or Google forms were submitted to

Merriman, with names removed; in general, there were multiple voices with no single message. Regarding concerns about confidential searches, it seems that by looking up recent presidential searches at Jesuit schools show we are not alone in having a confidential search.

- Now the members of the feedback group are talking about ways for faculty to suggest things to be asked at the interviews. This is our chance to have as much input as we're going to get. I'd like to maximize that.
- Question from faculty member: What is the process for the feedback group?
  - Each group (faculty, staff, etc.) will have a separate meeting with finalists, joined with appropriate members of committee for an hour. The members of feedback group will fill out survey; they don't get a vote. All members of search committee get a vote.

V. Governance documents review: Faculty Council ad hoc committee to review the Faculty Council Constitution

- Butler announced that FC is in process of forming committee, to be comprised of 4 to 6 faculty members + provost (or representative) + legal counsel to advise on compliance, etc. Membership should be settled by end of this week so they can meet this month so that the provost can report to the group's progress to the Board. The goal is to get recommendations to the faculty by this spring, and then finalizing any changes next year. Hopefully it will not be too onerous. If you're familiar with the constitution and want to share your thoughts, please do so. If you're interested in being a part of the committee, please let me know. Things that this group might look at include compliance issues, committee charges, size of council relative to size of faculty—not anticipating radical changes to governance.
- Question from faculty member: Is it still anticipated that this will become an ongoing procedure? Answer: Yes. committee will set some sort of regular review schedule.

VI. New Business

- Question from faculty member: Will there be an update on what the Faculty Handbook Committee is doing? Answer: Yes—they just got new members, but there should be updates coming from them soon.

The meeting adjourned at 2:49.