

Faculty Governance Meeting Minutes
Feb. 1, 2017

Present: Howard Brooks, Tim Good, Bryan Hanson, Elissa Harbert, Bob Hershberger, Glen Kuecker, Pam Propsom, Francesca Seaman

We welcomed Elissa Harbert, the new member representing the School of Music.

Minutes. Minutes from the Dec. 9 meeting were approved with minor corrections.

Reports from committees. Francesca reported that Curriculum Committee is working on implementing the new RAS procedure. Howard reported that we have a consensus document for Handbook revisions, primarily addressing School of Music issues and also cleaning up some other language. Election cycle for next year's committee positions has begun. Student Academic Life will be trying to address the issues of food insecurity, a possible honor code, and student demonstration policy.

Tenzer Center Search Committee. An appointed faculty member stepped down because of workload issues and a replacement is needed. Consistent with what we did last year, we will put out a call for interested faculty members to serve. Current search committee members are Berque, Carol Smith, Provine, O'Dell, Lafontant, Harms, Goins, Menzel, Stasik, Gurnon.

Centers discussion with VPAA. Next week Anne Harris will join us to discuss the Centers. Issues that we would like to bring up: concern about the resources being used for these potential hires, short length of the positions. Is the proposed "Centers Task Force" being given a genuine mission or has the outcome already been determined? Do the Centers need to be parallel and does their work need to be integrated? After we talk with Anne, we thought it would be good to discuss these issues with faculty with experience in these areas: Michele Villinski in Management Fellows, Jonathan Nichols-Pethick in Media Fellows. Glen will give Anne a preview of the questions. We would like to see the job descriptions as well (Bryan found it online and sent it to all of us).

Future work. Big agenda items for us this semester:

- Faculty voice in recruitment, review, and retention of administrators. There is a Google Doc on this topic and Glen encouraged us to add text and comments. Ideally, this would go to President McCoy and could potentially be implemented by the end of this semester.
- Confidentiality document. The Handbook says surprisingly little about this issue. What business is confidential and what can be shared? Bryan Hanson asked that everyone have access to the draft document.
- Handbook additions regarding internal department governance?

Glen will be in contact with the president about a future meeting; perhaps one topic for discussion would be the Centers.