

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

In Attendance

David Alvarez (chair), Steven Bogaerts, Sharon Crary, Kent Menzel, Manu Raghav
(minutes-taker)

- 1) Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.
- 2) Discussion of potential conflict of interest when faculty administrators or faculty who do services for which they get some type of compensation such as course releases and/or stipends serve on faculty committees. It is important to strike the right balance and be clear where to draw the line so that at least some faculty members can serve on such committees such as department chairs and program directors.

The committee decided to further look into this issue when it would discuss the issue of compensated faculty services.

- 3) We discussed some ideas about structuring the upcoming meeting on Thursday, September 26 including David Alvarez sending an email to all faculty members and discuss@depauw.edu to invite comments and suggestions about qualities that other faculty colleagues would like to see in the new president.
- 4) Committee decided to thank all the people who were willing to serve on the presidential search committee.
- 5) Committee chair, David Alvarez, informed us about the opportunity to have breakfast with the search committee representative(s) on Wednesday, September 18. He would invite the co-chairs of the Strategic Planning Committee as well.
- 6) David Alvarez will send an email to certain faculty members at the School of Music (SoM) regarding potentially serving on the search of Interim SoM dean. He will also invite them to consider serving as a representative of SoM on the Governance Committee.
- 7) The Chair is meeting with the co-chairs of the SPC on Wednesday Sept 11 to discuss faculty governance coordination among other topics.
- 8) The president, Mark McCoy, asked David Alvarez for the feedback about Dave Berque continuing as the Interim VPAA for another year to continuity and so that DePauw does not have to do a VPAA search before the outcome of the presidential search. The committee fully supported that idea.

- 9) There is a need to find a faculty representative for the Gold Commitment Steering Committee. David Alvarez will send out an email about it to faculty members who served on Curriculum and/or the Summer Working Group from 2019.
- 10) While the committee knows of no specific or imminent administrative plans, we discussed the need to plan for faculty involvement in any future financially-motivated changes to departments or programs. We are reviewing previous faculty governance work on this topic as well as the financial exigency policy.
- 11) The committee began reviewing materials provided by the VPAA that provide projections about future tenure-lines and enrollments.
- 12) We agreed to look at the committee structure and intra-committee communication at some other universities and discuss this issue in our next meeting.