Faculty Senate Meeting

January 27, 2016

* Quorum called at (9:03)
	+ Present
		- Kevin Adkin
		- Ara Chalabyan
		- Artur Khalatyan
		- Arto Vaun
		- Jenny Paturyan
		- Hayk Mamajanyan
		- Aram Keryan
		- Irshat Madyarov
		- Don Fuller
		- Varduhi Petrosyan
		- Simon Clarke
		- Arthur Dolmajian
		- Tsovinar Harutyunyan
		- Mikayel Tovmasyan
	+ Absent
		- Aleksandr Grigoryan
		- Gayane Barseghyan
		- Armen Mktchyan
	+ Guests
		- President Armen Der Kiureghian
		- Provost Randall Rhodes
		- Catherine Buon
		- Aram Hajian
* Faculty Promotion Procedures - discussion led by Irshat
	+ The Faculty Promotion Procedures approved by FS on Dec. 27, 2015 came back with changes regarding the reference letters. It was brought back to FS for discussion and final vote.
	+ President Der Kiureghian reviewed the history and changes of the document, including procedural changes and the role of the Board of Trustees in this process.
	+ Dialogue, questions, and discussion with President and Provost regarding the document.
	+ Put to a vote: 11 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstention
* Policy on Faculty appointment, retention, and promotion and faculty titles - discussion led by Provost Rhodes
	+ Reviewed significant changes made to final paragraph of the document.
	+ Discussion of the role of IRO and the Board of Trustees with input from President Der Kiureghian.
	+ Add University by-laws to the website or at least share with FS.
	+ Revisions to add “teaching undergraduate-level courses” required for Lecturer and Senior Lecturer text.
	+ Put to a vote with revisions above: 8 in favor, 1 opposed, 3 abstention
* Approval of the agenda
	+ Unanimous approval
* Approval of minutes from December 27, 2015
	+ 8 in favor, 6 abstention (those absent on Dec. 27, 2015)
* Reports from Committees:
	+ Executive Committee led by Irshat
		- Executive Committee met last week. Issues discussed in meeting will all be discussed in today’s meeting.
	+ Curriculum Committee with Catherine Buon
		- Nothing to report.
		- Aram noted a current discussion to create a separate committee for student academic standing that would work on consistency of student dismissal. Also, that the Curriculum Committee deals with the curriculum, not student academic standing.
	+ Ethics & Grievance Committee led by Arto and Simon
		- No current cases.
		- Committee raises the concern that the committee’s procedural policy may need to be revised regarding evaluations.
	+ Extension Committee led by Mikayel
		- Discussion of conditional admission and its implications on the role of Extension and its academic courses.
		- Suggestion to review Extensions syllabi and evaluate courses to ensure they align with learning goals and outcomes. Ensuring alignment between AUA and Extension.
		- Discussion of the missions of AUA and Extension.
		- Discussion of the management of Extension and how to ensure alignment of Extension courses with AUA policies and courses.
	+ Student Learning Committee with Artur
		- Nothing to report.
		- Aligning brown bag discussions between committee and FS.
	+ Faculty Package for Recruitment and Retention led by Irshat
		- Discussion of whether tenure is a goal of this process.
		- FS members raised the issue of faculty workload, salaries, and flexibility of contract length may be more pressing issues to address, especially for a policy related to recruitment and retention.
		- AUA Faculty Workload policy exists, may need to be reviewed.
	+ Advising Committee
		- New members will meet for the first time next week and will report at the next meeting.
* Brown bag meetings
	+ Discussion of the two sessions FS will lead.
	+ Vote on topic
		- Security and facilities: 2 votes
		- Faculty Roles/Contracts: 7 votes
		- Work efficiency: 2 votes
		- New counselor: 6 votes
* Student Code of Conduct
	+ Has been uploaded to the AUA Policies page.
* Meeting ends at 10:23

Minutes taken by Kevin Adkin.