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.