

Faculty Council Minutes
April 2, 2008

Present: M. Miller (chair), D. Brown, D. Carusi, R. Danford, R. Kipp, M. Sibicky (recorder in turn).
Guest: J. Tynan.

1. Minutes from the March 26, 2008 meeting were approved.
2. Provost Kipp announced that the search committee for the Director of the Academic Resource Center is set, and the search is underway.
3. The Provost and Council discussed the instructional technology instructor search. Also discussed was the new position of Director of the Worthington Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence. Provost Kipp requested suggestions concerning the make-up of the search committee for the Director position.
4. Miller provided an update on faculty search committees. Council also discussed the search for a new college web master. Provost Kipp asked how departments currently handle revisions to department web pages.
5. Council discussed and set the agenda for the April faculty meeting.
6. Council discussed the Review, Tenure and Promotion (RTP) Committee document that seeks to articulate the guidelines used by RTP in reviewing faculty portfolios. Miller suggested and Council agreed to have a May faculty meeting (1:00 pm) that will provide faculty the opportunity to discuss and provide feedback to RTP committee members and Council about the RTP articulation guidelines. Council discussed what changes would be needed if any to the faculty manual should the faculty favor the RTP proposal.
7. The college registrar (John Tynan) arrived at the meeting at 5:05 pm to discuss the idea of implementing an advisor module for the Data Tel system in the records office. Tynan noted that the records office favored activating the previously purchased module that would automate, to some extent the checking of student audit sheets. Discussion followed concerning how the new system might affect faculty advising. Tynan explained the hurdle to implementing the advising module was time and money (e.g. consulting fees, staff training). Tynan concluded by stating that he would provide the administration with a cost estimate for implementing the advising module in the near future.
8. Council discussed a letter from Jack Hillwig, Chair of Campus Life and Athletics Committee (see attached) that summarized the Campus Life and Athletics Committee response to concerns raised about the timing of Greek rush. The issue centered on whether or not there would be benefits to moving Greek Rush from the first to the second semester. After being charged to look into the issue by Council, Campus Life and Athletics Committee concluded, that there was little evidence that the current timing of Greek rush was harming student's academic performance. The conclusion was that a change was not warranted at this time. Council discussed the recommendations and decided to take no further action. Both the Provost and Miller asked Council members to contact the faculty members who voiced their concerns and ensure that they were kept informed.
9. Council discussed making the Pedagogy Committee a standing faculty committee or a Provost committee. Provost Kipp stated no preference for either case, and Miller stated he would put this item on the agenda for further discussion at the next Council meeting.
10. Meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm.