

Faculty Council Minutes
September 25, 2008

Present: Barnas, Carusi, Danford, Kipp, Pate (recorder-in-turn), Sibicky (chair), Scott

1. Minutes approved from meeting of 9/18/08.
2. Faculty search committee assignments discussed:
 - History (replacement for Melinda Hicks) – Sibicky will ask M. Young for suggestions
 - Psychology (replacement for Jennifer McCabe) – Carusi, Falter have volunteered to serve
 - At present, no other search committees needed, although Kipp reported that others are likely to be formed in the near future.
 - Carusi will get spreadsheet from D. Brown to track faculty involvement in search committees for 2008-2009.
3. Faculty Development Committee policies and procedures discussed. Highlights include:
 - PIGs will be renamed as “Summer Research Grants”. Clarification made to the amount of these awards as committee guidelines and website did not agree (It was decided that based on handbook, awards should be “up to \$3000”).
 - “Mini-sabbaticals” will once again be known as Load Reductions, which can be either for research or teaching work.
 - Load reductions (for research) will continue to be handled by FDC, who will evaluate proposals for quality and send recommendations to the Provost (who, in turn, will check with division coordinators about staffing issues prior to awarding of LRPs)
 - Sibicky will contact Pedagogy Committee about their willingness to review Load reduction (for teaching) requests. This has already been approved by FDC. Ped. Comm. would evaluate proposals for quality and send recommendations to the Provost. If Ped. Comm. Agrees to this request, council will take this to full faculty meeting for vote.
 - Council suggests rewording amount of minigrants to “up to \$2000” per faculty member for a given academic year (rather than capping awards at \$1000 *per minigrant*)
 - Sibicky will send suggestions back to L. Tong (chair, FDC)

4. Faculty Survey

Council discussed faculty survey that had been prepared by Sibicky. Decision made to remove question regarding academic division in order to help preserve anonymity. Council discussed each question to be asked on the survey and made numerous suggestions for improvement and/or re-wording. Specific changes were recorded by Carusi, who will put the survey together on Survey Monkey for final council approval.

5. Council members reminded to collect phone tree information from their assigned departments.

6. Council members assigned committees to contact about reviewing/updating their committee policies/procedures and comparing their handbook descriptions with that given on the MC webpage.

Sibicky: Faculty Council, Graduate Council

Danford: International Advisory Group, McDonough Faculty Advisory,
Human Subjects, Library

Barnas: Academic Standards, RTP, Professional Review

Pate: Curriculum, Honors and Investigative Studies

7. Meeting Adjourned at 5:20 p.m.