

Winthrop University Faculty Conference Minutes

August 19, 2016

I. **Approval of minutes for April 22, 2016 Faculty Conference**

- a. The minutes were unanimously approved without corrections.

II. **Report from the Chair, Dr. John Bird**

- a. John Bird reported that Ginger Williams would continue as Secretary for Faculty Conference this year and that Tara Collins would continue as the Parliamentarian.
- b. John Bird announced the Winthrop faculty members who received Tenure and Promotion. The seven faculty members granted tenure are: in the **College of Arts and Sciences**, Catherine Chang, history; Nicholas Grossoehme, chemistry; and Clara Paulino, interdisciplinary studies; in the **College of Business Administration**, Marguerite Doman, computer science; in the **Richard W. Riley College of Education**, Abigail Armstrong, middle level education; and Daniel Drane, sport management; and in the **College of Visual and Performing Arts**, Daniel Gordon, theatre.

There were 10 faculty members promoted to professor or associate professor.

Promoted to the rank of professor are: in the **College of Arts and Sciences**, Edward Lee, history; Guy Reel, mass communication; James Hanna, chemistry; Kristen Kiblinger, philosophy and religious studies; and Cheryl Fortner-Wood, psychology; in the **Richard W. Riley College of Education**, Jennifer Jordan, counseling; and in the **College of Visual and Performing Arts**, Laura Gardner and Karen Stock, both fine arts.

Promoted to the rank of associate professor from assistant professor are: in the **College of Arts and Sciences**, Kristen Abernathy, mathematics; and in the **College of Business Administration**, Marguerite Doman, computer science.

- c. John Bird gave his report from the June 10, 2016 Board of Trustees Meeting.
 - President Mahony presented updated goals, including strategic planning and the university mission statement.
 - President Mahony gave an update on the compensation study.
 - The board voted unanimously not to start a football team at this time.
 - The board passed a resolution to confer emeriti faculty status.
 - The board passed a resolution to establish a BS in Human Development and Family Studies.
 - The board passed a 2.5% increase in undergraduate tuition and a 3.5% in graduate tuition.
 - The board elected Karl Folkens as chair and Glenn McCall as vice chair.

III. **Report from the President, Dr. Dan Mahony**

- a. President Mahony updated us on the Strategic Plan and thanked all of the working groups for their efforts in bringing it together. He said that the Winthrop community would see the plan in the early fall semester.
- b. The president updated us on the current enrollment data and budgets. He gave us both the good and challenging news: the good news is that we have money in reserves for facilities; the challenging news is that enrollment is the same as last year.

- c. The president then asked for questions.
- d. Dr. Jennifer Solomon asked where we could find our contracts.
- e. Provost/VP Boyd responded that individual faculty members could contact their deans for their contracts.

IV. **Report from Provost/VPAA, Dr. Debra Boyd**

- a. Dr. Debra Boyd introduced the new positions in the Provost/Vice President's office, and then called on the five deans to introduce their new faculty members.
- b. Dr. Boyd announced that the position for SPAR director will be reposted this year. In the meantime, Ms. Michelle Smith will step in while the search continues.
- c. Dr. Boyd stated that SACS fifth year reporting will take place this year, which will result in a full report without a site visit.
- d. Dr. Boyd reported that Winthrop University students can now intern in North Carolina.
- e. Dr. Boyd thanked the faculty for their hard work during the 2015-2016 academic year.

V. **Report from Academic Council, Dr. Dave Pretty**

- a. Dr. Pretty stated that there was nothing for the faculty to vote on, and that the next Academic Council meeting would take place on September 23.
- b. Dr. Pretty reported that Dr. Will Thacker would chair CUC again, that Dr. Kristin Abernathy would chair the General Education Committee, that Dr. Jo Koster would chair the Natural Science Committee of General Education, and that Dr. Dave Pretty would chair the Historical Perspectives Committee.

VI. **Committee Reports**

- a. Dr. John Bird showed the faculty a slide with all the standing committee members for 2016-2017 and introduced their chairs.

VII. **Faculty Athletics Representative**

Dr. Bird introduced Dr. Trent Kull as the new Faculty Representative (FAR) to the NCAA. This is an appointment made by the president. Dr. Kull replaces Ms. Evelyne Weeks, who has served 22 years in that position. The faculty thanked Ms. Evelyn Weeks for her service.

VIII. **Office of Online Learning, Dr. Kimarie Whetstone,**

- a. Dr. Whetstone told the faculty about her office and how they can help faculty with Blackboard, instructional design, etc. Her office is in 118 Tillman.

IX. **Parent Portal, Ms. Gina Jones, Registrar**

- a. Ms. Gina Jones explained the Parent Portal system. She stressed that control lies with the students.
- b. Ms. Jones stated that grade changes could now be made online through wingspan.

X. **Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

XI. **New Business**

There was no new business.

XII. **Announcements**

- a. Registrar Reminders. Ms. Gina Jones reported registrar updates to the faculty.
- b. Dr. Frank Ardaiolo reported on the Decision 2016 Voter Initiative on campus. Winthrop is a voter-friendly campus and will promote voting initiatives in the days and weeks leading up to the 2016 presidential election.
- c. Dean Gloria Jones, University College, announced that “Rock the Hill” would take place at 3 p.m. the next day in the Winthrop University Coliseum. She invited all to attend.
- d. Dr. Cheryl Fortner-Wood announced that the McNair Scholars program would be seeking new candidates up to October 14. She explained how faculty recommend students.
- e. Dr. Melissa Carsten, Graduate Faculty Conference Chair, reported that this year Graduate Faculty Conference would take place after Faculty Conference meetings. The first GFC would take place on September 30.
- f. Dr. Frank Pullano announced that the LEAP program has 130 students this year. He briefly explained the program.
- g. Dr. Leslie Bickford, Office for Nationally Competitive Awards, briefly explained ONCA and how faculty can recommend students to her office who might be eligible for nationally competitive awards.
- h. Dr. Daniel Gordon, Chair, Theater and Dance, invited the faculty to the 2016-2017 productions that his department will showcase.
- i. Ms. Chanell Little, VISTA volunteer, encouraged faculty who are interested in Service-Learning to contact her.

XII. **Adjournment**

Faculty Conference was adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Williams, Secretary