

Winthrop University Faculty Conference Minutes

September 30, 2016

- I. Motion to proceed without a quorum.
 - a. The motion was made to proceed without a quorum and passed unanimously.
- II. Approval of minutes for August 19 Faculty Conference
 - a. The minutes were approved with one minor correction.
- III. Report from the Chair, Dr. John Bird
 - a. Dr. Bird recognized board member Dr. Sue Rex.
 - b. Dr. Bird reported that at the last Board of Trustees meeting two important actions took place. 1) According to state statutes, Dr. Mahony was assessed, and 2) The Board of Trustees accepted the strategic plan.
- IV. Report from the President, Dr. Dan Mahony
 - a. Dr. Mahony thanked the faculty for all they do for students.
 - b. Dr. Mahony encouraged faculty to get involved with the Strategic Plan.
 - c. Dr. Mahony encouraged faculty to collaborate across academic units and between academic units and Student Life.
 - d. The president reminded us that everyone has a role to play in fundraising for the university. He encouraged us to identify alumni from our academic areas and our academic needs.
 - e. Dr. Mahony asked us to consider diversity goals when participating in a search committee.
- V. Report from Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs: Dr. Boyd was not present at the meeting. John Bird gave her short report.
 - a. Dr. Boyd reported that the general education core review committee is being formed. That review will take place this year.
- VI. Report from the chair of Academic Council, Dr. Dave Pretty
 - a. Dr. Pretty presented the new program in English to the Faculty Conference. The program was passed unanimously.
 - b. Dr. Pretty reminded us that 400 and 500 level classes were up for recertification.
 - c. The faculty approved the new Intensive Writing Application with a minor rewording. Dr. Karen Kedrowski suggested that "Must be above 299" will replace "299 or higher."
- VII. Committee Reports:
 - a. Cultural Events Committee, Dr. Michael Lipscomb: Dr. Lipscomb put forth a motion to allow staff (or people with demonstrable skills) the opportunity to moderate cultural events. Students should submit petitions related to travel experience.
 - b. Faculty Personnel

1. There were two elections, one for Academic Freedom and Tenure, the other for the Rules Committee. Elections will close at 12:00 p.m. Monday.
 - c. Campus Heritage, Dr. Eddie Lee and Dr. Kristin Wonderlich: We will write a new alma mater because of the Tillman reference. We will engage different groups of stakeholders in the writing of the new alma mater.
- VIII. Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.
- IX. New Business: There was no new business.
- X. Announcements:
- a. Ms. Gina Jones, Registrar, gave the registrar reminders.
 - b. Dr. Cheryl Fortner-Wood reminded faculty that McNair applications were due in October.
 - c. Dr. Leigh Poole, Director of the International Center, presented the upcoming faculty-led study abroad programs.
 - d. Dr. Mark Herring, Dean of the Library reminded us of the upcoming Friends of the Library dinner. We were also reminded that databases and links on Blackboard will not work from a home computer.
 - e. Mr. Patrice Bruneau announced that October is National Cyber Security Month and that we should all look for the online training required by the State of South Carolina. The mandatory videos must be completed by the end of October.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Williams, Secretary (with notetaking assistance from Casey Cothran)