KUMC Faculty Assembly Steering Committee Meeting

Monday, January 13, 2014

5015 Wescoe 4:00PM

Members present:  David Naylor, Chair; Robert Klein, Academic Affairs; Wendy Hildenbrand, Chair—Elections; Janet Pierce, Chair—Research; David Martin, Chair—Information Resources; Jeanne Schott—Faculty Concerns

Members absent:  Sandra Bergquist—SON Faculty Assembly; Karen Miller —EVC

1. Call to order:  David Naylor called the meeting to order at 4:05PM

2. Academic Affairs update:  Robert Klein
   - Several regents voiced that the Social Media Policy which is now in place needs to be discussed and reviewed as there may be some problems with it as it is now written.
   - The Board of Regents will form a faculty committee to look at and review the Social Media Policy.
   - Two names of faculty members from the University of Kansas have been forwarded to the Chancellor for appointment to the faculty committee. The names of the two faculty members will be released at the Chancellor’s discretion.
   - The Social Media Policy is in place and faculty and staff could be fired for use that is deemed detrimental to the University of Kansas.

3. EVC Office Report:  Karen Miller

Tabled until next meeting as Dean Miller was absent from meeting

4. Standing Committee Reports
   a. Elections
      - Wendy Hildenbrand, Chair, announced that the call for nominations to the Steering Committee and sub committees will be announced as FEBRUARY 1, 2014.
      - Wendy will send an email to all committee chairs to ask if there are openings on committees.
      - There is an opening on the CONCERNS and the INFORMATION RESOURCES committees
      - Wendy noted that it may be difficult to fill all positions, so it might be a good idea to nominate Jr. Faculty to the committees.
      - The notebook containing the information on the election procedure is missing. Dr. Abebe Abebe may have an electronic copy.
b. Research

- Janet Pierce, Chair stated that the Research Committee is hard at work, having had two meetings since the last Steering Committee meeting.
- Proposals for Frontiers—The Heartland Institute for Clinical and Transitional Research on December 11 went well. There were 81 proposals. Funding will be decided on January 16, 2014.
- It was difficult to find reviewers for each proposal. Many requests were declined and some who said they would review did not attend.
- Janet indicated that there are still problems with the CHRIS Policy.
- Faculty Travel Award Money was approved. All who applied for funding were accepted.
- Faculty Research Day—three (3) candidates were selected and will be contacted.

c. Information Resources

- David Martin, Chair announced that the new Access Policy for the Library is now in place.
- Student Services is now located in the Library.
- Michael Harmelink is now the administrator

d. Faculty Concerns

Committee has not met since December. Committee will meet soon.

e. SHP Faculty Steering Committee

Tabled until next meeting

f. SOM Faculty Council

- New Dean of the School of Medicine has been chosen, and announced and will begin work on March 24, 2014


g. SON Faculty Assembly

Tabled until next meeting

h. Old Business

1. Post Tenure Review: Follow up from fall meeting and review of feedback

- During the Fall Faculty meeting comments regarding the Post Tenure Review Policy were in the form of questions for clarification.
- There were no negative comments
- The Post Tenure Review Policy has been sent to the lawyer then it will be sent to each of the regent schools for review.
- Finally it will go to the Board of Regents for final disposition.
i. **New Business**

### 1. Social Media Policy

- Policy is now part of the Regents Handbook.
- Policy was put in place without faculty and staff input.
- Concerns were raised by the steering committee about how the policy was implemented.
- Faculty Senate Council drafted a statement of concern regarding the acceptance of the policy.
- Sections two (2) and four (4) are the most problematic as both sections are broad and open to interpretation.
- Regents have agreed to review policy.
- If anyone has anything or knows of anything that would help the school with the media policy, send by email to David.

### 2. Transition Plan

- Discussion on how transition will be implemented for the new elects.
- Would it be possible to have a Chair and a Chair-elect of the Steering Committee?
- Would it be possible to have a Chair and a Chair-elect for each subcommittees?

### 3. Faculty Handbook

- The faculty handbook is very much outdated.
- Each Chair and their committee are to review the section related to their particular committee, decide what needs to be changed, deleted and/or update and present that information at the February meeting.
- David will review the FASC bylaws.
- A strategic plan is needed.

### Other:

- Dr. Girod will be naming a committee or task force to consider how to remodel and beautify the Murphy Courtyard.
- If you would like to be on the committee or task force, please contact Girod’s office.

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**Next meeting:** Monday, February 10 @ 4:00pm in Wescoe 5015

**Faculty Assembly Spring Meeting is set for Monday, April 21, 2014 at 3:00PM to 5:00PM in SON 013.**