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Faculty Meeting

MINUTES

April 23, 2019

RNK 303 – Large Conference Room

Faculty attending: Raymond Issa, Charles Kibert, Ryan Sharston, Michael Cook, Richard Smailes, Jim Sullivan, Russell Walters, Mark Russell, Jeffrey Lindsey, Abdol Chini, Masoud Gheisari, Eileen Pesantes, Ian Flood, Edward Minchin, Ravi Srinivasan, Bill O'Dell, Dean Chimay Anumba

Staff attending: David Nuñez

Not in attendance: Robert Ries, Sherry Ahrentzen, Jason Von Meding, Paul Oppenheim, Ajay Shanker, Bahar Armaghani, Aaron Costin, Bryan Franz, Rui Liu, Larry Muszynski, and Andrew Wehle

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order –**
 - a. Meeting called to order at 2:03 pm.
 - b. Motion to approve the order of the day - Motioned by Dr. Flood, 2nd by Dr. Kibert. Motion voted on and approved unanimously.
- 2. Review minutes of February meeting**
 - a. Motion to approve the February minutes – Motion moved to a vote. Voted on and approved unanimously.
- 3. Dean's Report –**
 - a. Administrator's Review – a thank you to all those that provided feedback.
 - b. College finances – the college will end the year again with a positive balance. Begin to use this balance to build-up reserves. Possibly to be used for funds towards start-up packages for other faculty hires.
 - c. Development – The college has already met their goal for the current campaign
 - d. Facilities – Due to the controversy at UCF, universities are reluctant to spend money on building new facilities on-campus. New approach, renovating and refurbishing current facilities. Also, trying to secure university level approval.
 - e. Faculty candidates – there will be an additional FIBER hire in Interior Design. A Lecturer hire in Sustainability in the Build Environment. In final negotiations for a Director in the School of Architecture. In final negotiations for a chair in Interior Design.
 - f. Rankings – the University is committed to achieving a Top 5 designation. Ways to achieve this: Increase levels of productivity in research, service and teaching.
- 4. Directors' Report –**
 - a. Grad Dinner – Thursday, May 2nd. Speaker Matt Webster
 - b. Construction Hall of Fame – Review of plans for upgrading and updating the space for the CHOF

- c. Summer Travel – Make sure Faculty reviews all summer travel with Ashley to stay in compliance with UF regulations when personal travel coincides with business travel.
 - d. Discussion on travelling abroad with UF-issued laptops
 - e. ASCE Computing Meeting – July 17 – 19
 - f. Monitoring Committee reports
 - g. Peer evaluation for Tenure & Promotion eligible faculty
 - h. Commencement – May 3rd. Speaker Dan Whiteman
 - i. Professional Masters of Construction Management. 2 year program. 36 credits. Meets once a month on Saturdays and Sundays. Located in Orlando.
 - j. Review of policies concerning Use of Rinker facilities. Facilities must be reserved and approved before use.
 - k. Faculty workshop – May 6th. Led by Dr. Flood
 - i. EXCOM Meeting
 - 1. EXCOM expressed concern that there are not enough field trips for students.
 - ii. Discussion of the Bedford Plans and show of appreciation for Professor Cook
 - iii. Alumni Club meeting
- 5. Action Items –**
- a. Elections
 - i. Merit Pay – 1 year terms. Voting on 3 new members: 2 tenured faculty, 1 lecturer. Results of vote: Lecturer: Mark Russell, Tenured Faculty: Robert Ries, Ravi Srinivasan
 - ii. Faculty Advisory – 2 year terms, staggered. Voting on 3 new members: 1 Assistant Professor, 1 Associate Professor, 1 Professor. Result of votes: Asst. Prof: Bryan Franz, Assoc. Prof: Ravi Srinivasan, Prof: Robert Ries
 - iii. Endowment – 4 year terms. Voting on 3 new members: 3 tenured faculty. Results of vote: Charles Kibert, Robert Ries, Ravi Srinivasan
 - b. Emeritus Status – Richard Smailes
 - i. Voted on. Voted unanimously for granting Emeritus status to Dr. Smailes.
- 6. Undergraduate Program – Dr. Sullivan**
- a. Review of current students eligible for graduation at the end of the Spring 2019 term.
 - b. Motion to vote on graduating this class in good standing. Motioned by Dr. Kibert, 2nd Dr. Russell. Voted on and approved unanimously.
- 7. Graduate Program – Dr. Flood**
- a. Review of the Masters and Ph.D. candidates eligible for graduation in the Spring 2019 term.
 - b. Masters without a thesis. Motion to vote on graduating this class in good standing. Motioned by Dr. Russell, 2nd by Dr. Kibert. Voted on and approved unanimously.
- 8. ICM Program – Dr. Kibert**
- a. Continuing problems with getting admissions
- 9. FES/CCP Programs – Dr. Lindsey**
- 10. Centers – No updates**
- 11. Committee Updates**
- a. Dr. Kibert discussed a new emphasis on Renewable Energy/Climate Change. Solar Farms.
- 12. Announcements – Dr. Issa**
- 13. Student Clubs – no updates**
- 14. Student Teams – no updates**
- 15. Exchange Programs – no updates**
- 16. Study Abroad – 11 students to Italy**
- 17. Senate Report – Dr. Srinivasan**
- a. Dr. Chini led a discussion on the University’s policy on graduation rates in 4 years
- 18. Adjournment – 3:22 pm**