

Faculty Meeting Minutes_DRAFT

Founders Room

September 23, 2016

I. Call to Order: Mark Sargent called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

II. Devotional: Rick Ifland led the faculty in a devotional on his reflections on the trip he led to Haiti, ending with a prayer for two students who were in a car accident last night.

III. Introduction of New Faculty Member: Dr. Jonathan Mitchell from the Physics department introduced himself to the faculty.

IV. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from April 22, 2016 were approved.

V. Report from the President: Gayle Beebe updated the faculty on several items including his recent travel, enrollment statistics for this Fall, the College's new consultants (Credo, for enrollment; Enrollment Research, for financial aid awards, Ologie, for comprehensive marketing), changes to the Community Life Statement related to Senate Bill 1146, special awardees at Homecoming, upcoming events with the Mosher Center for Moral and Ethical Leadership, the Strategic Planning Committee's two new tracks of work (Diversity and Global Engagement; Church and Community Relations), the Augustinian Scholars program, and Downtown Housing.

VI. Faculty / Alumni Interactions: Teri Bradford Rouse, the Senior Director of Alumni and Parent Relations, distributed a Faculty / Alumni Involvement Questionnaire and informed the faculty regarding ways in which faculty members could be involved with alumni both on campus and via travel.

VII. Quantitative Literary Assessment Report: Steve Contakes reported back to the faculty on Westmont's Quantitative Literacy ILO Assessment Report. The summary evaluation indicates that Westmont's course offerings appear to be adequate and have resulted in significant gains in students' Quantitative Literacy. Michael Everest will host a future workshop on active-learning pedagogies for QAR courses. Tatiana Nazarenko thanked the Quantitative Literacy Assessment Team.

VIII. Motion: Change in GE Committee Membership: A motion was proposed by the General Education committee to change section 1.4.3.4.8.a of the Faculty Handbook to include a Librarian with faculty status, rather than specifically the Director of the Library. Michael Everest proposed the following amendment to the motion (underlined): "Librarian with faculty status, appointed by the Director of the Library in consultation with Faculty Council." Jim Taylor seconded the amended motion. The amended motion was passed by unanimous voice vote, and the main motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

IX. Thoughts from the Provost: A record number of faculty submitted updates for the September Provost's Report. Mark Sargent said that he was impressed with the faculty's summer

accomplishments. Mark will be hosting a Shakespeare and Soup event October 5th at 6 p.m. in the Porter Theatre Classroom.

Eileen McMahon McQuade announced that the Summer Research Celebration will take place Friday, September 30th, 3:30-5:30 p.m., and she reminded the faculty that the STEM Preview Day would also occur that day. Tatiana Nazarenko introduced the Diversity Assessment Team, led by Dinora Cardoso, for this year. Patti Hunter announced that Stu Cleek created an online form for reporting plagiarism and other violations of academic integrity. To find the Academic Integrity Violation Report Form, go to the Provost's webpage, then Academic Integrity, and then Online Report Form.

X. Recognition of Newly Tenured / Promoted Faculty: Six faculty were recently promoted. Enrico Manlapig was promoted to Associate Professor of Economics and Business. Alister Chapman was promoted to Professor of History. Eileen McMahon McQuade was promoted to Professor of Biology. Mitchell Thomas was promoted to Professor of Theater Arts. Helen Rhee was promoted to Professor of Religious Studies. And Scott Anderson was promoted to Professor of Art. After a Shakesporean celebration of their accomplishments, a blessing was prayed over our newly promoted colleagues.

XI. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by Sarah L. Jirek