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Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 19, 2013 Meeting held in Bryant 209

Senators in Attendance: Adam Smith, Ahmed Al-Ostaz, Allison Bell, Allison Ford-Wade Andrew Paney, Brad Cook, Breese Quinn, Brian Reithel, Brice Noonan, Carolyn Higdon, Daneel Ferreira, Dennis Bunch, Donna Davis, Erwin Mina Diaz, Gregory Heyworth, Joe Sumrall, Joshua First, Judy Greenwood, Karen Christoff, Latoya Brooks, Leigh Anne Duck, Lorri Williamson, Matt Long, Matthew Hill, Michael Barnett, Mike Mossing, Mitch Wenger, Mustafa Matalgah, Oliver Dinius, Philip Rhodes, Rahul Khanna, , Robert Barnard, Robert Doerksen, Robert Holt, Ruth Mirtz, Seong Bong Jo, Susan Allen, Susan Bennett, Tom Garrett, Will Berry, Yongping Zhu, Yunhee Chang

Senators absent with prior notification: Christian Sellar, Chuck Ross, David Murray, Hugh Sloan, Jason Solinger, Jeff Roux, Jodi Skipper, Mark Dolan, Milorad Novicevic, Ricky Burkhead

- Call Meeting to Order
 - o Senator Barnett opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Approval of January 22, 2013 Minutes
 - Moved
 - Seconded
 - Approved
- COIA (Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics) Update Dr. William Berry

(See Increasing Faculty Engagement - COIA Steering Committee Proposal to NCAA)

- o FS reps from all over country get together once a year to talk about issues in intercollegiate athletes
- NCAA going through 3-stage process to change its role, i.e. regulating college athleticsmoving to a hands-off deregulated world transferring to the Universities the supervising, recruiting, academics, etc.
- Previous rules driven to create competitive equity, putting that back on the schools as of August 1, 2013
- NCAA asked COIA to come up with proposals to see how faculty could operate in the new deregulated world
 - Recruiting
 - Athletic departments must handle that; work with SEC to create own policies
 - Academics- several proposals
 - Academic integrity group-
 - Committee on each campus deal with academic issues within Athletic Dept.; linked to the NCAA and focuses on raising standards within athletic departments
 - o Senate Athletic Representative to work with university, conference, and nationally to promote this

- Faculty oversight and engagement-create connections across universities, academic consortium, SEC is doing annual conference to strengthen relationships
- COIA-mission to figure out how the faculty can have a voice in all this

Questions from the floor:

- Q. Would individual universities come up with their own set of regulations in how they deal with their own student athletes, recruitment efforts?
- A. That is the direction the NCAA seems to be moving
- Q. Initial or continuing eligibility?
- A. Continuing. NCAA is trying to create a perception that money is not the driving force. The NCAA is not a separate entity; universities make up the NCAA.
- Q. COIA deals with NCAA not conferences?
- A. No specific conference relationship, COIA representatives are from all the conferences.
- A. COIA provides advice to the NCAA and not dealing with the SEC
- Q. The second step deals with institution control. What is third step?
- A. Cannot answer right off-hand.
- Q. How to deal with credibility issue? Dealing with economic issues, has there been any broader credibility issue?
- A. Struggling with that, trying to figure out way to make model work.
- Q. Concern expressed if deregulation occurs will there be pressure to spend more money on recruiting efforts to get better players?
- A. There is a thought that there will be a race to top or bottom, but looking a history, the schools with most money winning anyway.

Parking Committee Update – Dr. Michael Mossing

- o Traffic and Parking Committee meeting with new director monthly since start of academic year.
- o Going to be a self-sustaining/self-funding separate entity-group trying to figure out how to make it self-sustaining, figure out what is needed on campus. If transit hours expansion, cost money to extend bus lines in evening and how that will work.
- O Committee presented some recommendations or agreed with Isaac's plan after much discussion; plan has gone to Administration. Minor details to be worked out.
- o Proposed:
 - Transit continues to increase, latest estimate, and people riding bus keeps @1500 vehicles off campus per day. Good news.
 - Increase in prices for permits-Faculty \$120, increase to \$150 by 2015, less than MS and Southern Miss
 - HR will institute IRS pre-tax plan for transit expenses
 - Reserved staff and faculty slots, \$275 reserved spot, \$325 by 2015

- no stickers, just hangtags
- OUT extending hours, in the process of hiring Transportation Manager
- New parking map being finalized

Ouestions from the floor:

- Q. Personal spots, any lot or designated lot?
- A. Basically any parking lot. Maybe an issue if everyone wants a personal spot. Also a staff low salary option-\$60 permit instead of \$120.
- O. Will each lot still have number of open spots and not reserved spots?
- A. That is the idea. Demand for reserved spots not anticipated. Adjustment to policy based on demand.
- Q. Reserved spots- all week long and during football season?
- A. Productive conversation between Athletics and Traffic. Believe that Athletics will pay parking for game day access.
- Q. Increase for student parking permits?
- A. Residential-\$85 this year, next year-\$115, then \$125 and \$135
- --Some thought that as more people ride the bus for free, eventually there will be a need for some sort of transportation fee
- --Visitor parking will cost next year, \$2/day
- Q. Is this doing away with low-cost option for distant parking lots?
- A. No still available. You will be able to move into available spots when Transit is not running. Bus extending hours to 9:00pm for lots.
- Q. Possibility of parking garage?
- A. Discussions underway.
- Q. Any discussion of enforcement?
- A. Reducing enforcement would be best.
- Q. If we are paying money for a spot-would want immediate response if parking space is used.
- A. RFID spots were original idea-car will be towed during the day.
- Q. Options for branch campus faculty?
- A. Departments can pay for reserved spot. Departments should make arrangements for days on campus.
- Q. Hangtags only, car independent. If you lose the tag will you be charged same amount? If charged again, can you deactivate the hangtag?
- A. Responsibility to take care of tag. Replacement policy unknown at this time.
- Q. What about department tag use?
- A. Good question will check.

- Q. Will journalists still have special pass to park anywhere on campus?
- A. Long discussion on special tags, records unclear, will be tightened up under new policy.

Expanded Sensitivity and Respect Committee Update – Dr. Rahul Khanna

- o Committee met weekly.
- o Proposed subcommittees:
 - Short-term
 - First-year student intervention
 - Campus policies
 - University Preparation and Proactive
 - Diverse Alumni Relations
 - Long-term:
 - Institutional Research
 - Campus symbols/Structure
- o Committee may have recommendation for Faculty Senate to curriculum
 - Recommendation=Town Hall meeting

Ouestions from the floor:

- Q. Freedom of Speech zone-will KKK be not allowed?
- A. Making recommendation at this time.
- Q. Were Freedom of Speech zones eliminated?
- A. Don't believe so.
- O. Committee focus on racial or other issues, i.e. LGBT?
- A. Focus on racial at the moment.
- Q. Length of committee?
- A. By the end of semester to make recommendations. Expanded committee time sensitive.

Senate Committee Reports

• Executive Committee

o No Report

Academic Affairs

(See <u>Repeating Course and Forgiveness Policy Proposed Changes 2013</u>) (See Grade Appeal Policy and Procedure Proposed Changes 2013)

o Update on Repeating Course and Forgiveness Policies

Questions from the floor:

- Q. Can student apply before taking the course again? If upper division approval first?
- A. You could file for forgiveness before or after.

- Q. When repeating a course under forgiveness, does that count under the allotment?
- A. Not a limit on number of courses. Limit on number of times.
- Q. Who approves?
- A. Approved by May, implementation following.
- A. Provost Stocks: Senate, the ASB, the normal process
- --Send any feedback within next month
- --Possible vote next month
- Academic Support
 - No Report
- Finance
 - No Report
- University Services
 - o No Report
- Governance
 - Update on Ombudsman
 - No longer considering using Counseling Center staff for establishing Office of Ombudsman
 - Senate needs to specify what it wants for the Office
 - o Outline roles, responsibilities, and characteristics of the office
 - Facilitator role modeled after International Ombudsman Association
 - Investigator-American Bar Association for a legislative or executive ombudsman.
 - Resolution urging Administration to create Ombudsman Committee:
 - o Charged
 - o Presented to the Senate

Ouestions from the floor:

- Q. Share models with the Senate?
- A. Report and draft of Resolution to share for next meeting.
- Q. Idea that we would choose between model?
- A. That would be up to the Ombudsman Committee.

Old Business

- Update on Second Bachelor's Degree Task Force (Dr. Robert Doerksen & Dr. Adam Smith) The University of Mississippi may confer a second bachelor's degree upon either its graduates or those of another institution when a student has completed the specific course requirements for the second degree as defined by The University of Mississippi. In addition to the credits used for the first degree, the candidate for the second bachelor's degree must complete at least 30 semester hours in residence from the school or college recommending the degree, with a minimum 2.00 GPA for those courses.
 - o Second Bachelor's Degree-Dual degree or second degree
 - o SUG peer groups
 - Two bachelor's degrees of different nature
 - Two bachelor's degrees same school
 - Two bachelor's degrees same name, same college

o Meeting again before making recommendations.

New Business

- Faculty Excellence Task Force
- The UM2020 Strategic Plan called for charging a task force to review issues surrounding faculty excellence. The Strategic Planning Council is attempting to work with existing committees rather than charge and assign new task forces, unless necessary. It has reviewed this charge and believes that it or elements of this charge would be best handled by the Faculty Senate or one or more of its standing committees.

Questions from the floor:

- Q. Future committee on how smoking policy is working?
- A. Four citations, all being appealed. Little negative feed-back possibly due to soft-rollout. More to report at next meeting.

Staff Council-concerns about impact on job if ticketed.

Adjournment