Library Faculty Senate

Meeting Minutes 2006-09-28

Present:
  LSEB: Frost, Johnson (acting chair), Mattos, Neal, Riedy (recorder), Rutter.
  TOTAL ATTENDEES: 24

Convened:
  1:38 p.m. in Hamilton Library Room 113 by Johnson (acting chair).

1. Approval of the August 16, 2006 minutes

   The minutes were approved.

2. Reports of officers and standing committees

   Johnson reported on the LSEB meeting of September 7th. At that meeting the group discussed further action on the Travel Task Force recommendations. The board will recommend an ad-hoc group be convened to review the existing travel funding guidelines, and, in the spirit of transparency, act as a liaison between administration and the faculty senate regarding ongoing travel fund allocations. Johnson will draft a memo to Mochida regarding this recommendation.

   LSEB also discussed the sudden departure of the UL, the addition of a Collection Development Officer (recruited from the faculty) to the Administrative team, and the need to seek clarification on how duties will be distributed amongst this group. The core questions concern who will make decisions about the budget and about personnel. The meeting with the VCAA the following week, helped in this regard to a limited extent. LSEB recommended drafting a memo to Mochida with additional questions.

   Rutter announced that she sent an email message with link to a report about facilities. She also announced that the Executive Director of Accreditation of WASC would be visiting the campus next Thursday (10/5).

   Neal announced that the new Staff Development Committee has held its first meeting. He reported on new initiatives the committee was undertaking (book reading club and chorus) and solicited ideas for other activities the committee might undertake.

   There were no other officer or committee reports.

3. LPC Policy Changes

   Mattos, chair of LPC, presented proposed changes to LPC Policies and Procedures. Based on comments, LPC will revise the proposed changes and distribute a new
document which will be discussed at a future meeting.


In light of other recent administrative changes, faculty concerns about personnel decisions and collections decisions were voiced. Who on the administrative team will be deliberating/discussing/having any "voice" on personnel issues involving faculty? Who will be making decisions, and what role will CDMC have in this decision-making, about collections and budget? LSEB will communicate with Mochida about these issues.

5. Budget

There was discussion on the role of faculty in the budget process, the value of the library to the university and the need to solicit testimonials from deans and faculty, and the desirability of the library to receive RTF funds.

6. New business

None.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Submitted by Allen Riedy, secretary

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