Faculty Senate 2014–2015

OFFICIAL MINUTES: 19 Nov 2014

AD 307, 6:00 pm

Attendees: Herb Helm; Karl Bailey; Brian Strayer; Janet Blackwood; Rob Zdor; David Randall; Lynelle Weldon; Brendan Cross; Thomas Lowing; Marc Ullo; Betty Gibson; Anneris Navia; Janet Ledesma; Lori Walton; Randall Robertson; Janine Lim; Beverly Sedlacek; LeRoy Ruhupatti; Tevi Grajales; Monique Pittman;

Regrets: Rachel Williams-Smith; Ante Jeroncic; Ed Schmidt, Nicholas Miller, Felix Cortez; Connie Gane; John Peckham; Katherine Koudele; Mary Ngugi;

Honored Guests: A. Luxton (provost; C. Arthur (Asst Provost / FDPC chair); C. Stuart (CIEP); L. Bartlett

1. Welcome and Prayer (5 min) L. Weldon

2. Review and approval of Minutes (5 min) D. Randall
VOTE – Approved. (motion: Zdor, second: Lowing)

3. Report – GC Rep vote & Run-off for alternate (10 min) D. Randall

Electronic voting result: Janet Ledesma and Teresa Reeve as Faculty delegates for the Andrews Delegation to the 2015 General Conference.

Alternate Delegate: Voting resulted in tie for 3rd place Nick Miller and Glenn Russell

Luxton: guidance from administration to senate was to not over-represent any schools, including the Seminary.

Motion: “TO not accept these two names (Janet Ledesma Teresa Reeve) as selection for GC delegate and to redo the election” on the basis of avoiding over-representation of a school. (Motion: B. Cross; Second: R. Robertson)

VOTE – FAILED. Motion Failed (by raised hands); the two delegates from electronic voting stand.

VOTE – G. Russell is 1st alternate delegate; N Miller is 2nd Alternate (20 secret paper ballots cast).

4. Traffic Speed Control on Campus (10 min) L. Schalk (for D. Hodges)

Problem to address: Most effective way to maintain safety on Campus Drive. Speeds up to 67 mph.

Options considered:
1. Hire out campus safety to Berrien Springs-Oronoko TWP Police; tickets go on driving record.
2. No stop signs, but cameras to ID speed & vehicle to write tickets.
3. One Stop sign & camera each on east and west campus drive.
   a. East Campus Drive: by PT or Architecture building (tbd precise location)
   b. West Campus Drive: Between Univ Towers and PMC parking lot
4. Return / install speed bumps (causes issues with snow plows)

T. Lowing: “speed tables” should be considered (information from T. Lowing / Architecture will send information to L. Schalk).


Motion: “Moved to endorse #3.” (Motion: Robertson, second Zdor)

VOTE – Approved (Ayes)

5. International Students Update (20 min)

5a. Center for Intensive English Programs (CIEP) C. Stuart

Yellow FAQ Handout Questions: Christian Stuart christians@andrews.edu 471-2260
~60 students in CIEP program; 2 full time teachers

What classes should they take in addition to CIEP? Advising matter; consult with CIEP.
5b. Global Engagement

A. Luxton & L. Bartlett

Status: Groups of students on campus from: Russia, India, China, Korea, Middle East

Values to International Students

- Learn / Develop English skills to enable learners to engage in international community.
- International SDA community: Andrews has strong value.
- Non-SDA community: conservative, more protected environment is appealing: vegetarianism, no drinking, rural environment; scholarly “appearance”

L. Walton: Faculty need training in cultural competence

A. Luxton: Vision for Global Engagement: Global Engagement transforms campus and students in a positive way.

Issues will arise: Language issue, talk to C. Stuart; other issue talk to A. Luxton.

6. Update – Senate Web page (5 min)  

7. Update - Strategic Planning and the Senate (10 min)  

K. Bailey

Recommendation #1: “The Faculty Strategic Planning Council could be created as a short-term ad hoc committee comprised of ~20 representatives from across campus reporting to the Faculty Senate for the duration of the planning phase. Monitoring of the Strategic plan would be a responsibility of the Faculty Senate, and the Senate would report to the Academic Master Planning Council and Strategic Planning Council. Representation on the top-level planning councils would be the chair of the ad hoc faculty council and one senator during the planning phase and two senators during the monitoring phase.”

Status: Planning phase will commence in 1-2 years. FSPC ~20 people

Motion: “To pursue committee recommendation #1”

For follow-up: What should we be monitoring for now?

VOTE – Approved

8. Report - Faculty Institute (10 min)  

C. Arthur

Status: Surveys of plenaries & talks generally positive; concerns on timing during academic year.

Status: 2015 Focus will be on internationalization; planning is underway.

9. Reports from four key committees (5 min each/20 min total)

9.1. Undergraduate Council  

M. Pittman (no report)

9.2. Graduate Council  

F. Cortez (no report)

9.3. Academic Ops Council  

J. Lim (no report)

9.4. Faculty Policy and Devel.  

N. Miller C. Arthur, Chair of FPDC

Status: Changes to working policy regarding rank & tenure document

1) Editorial changes from “continuous appointment” to “tenure”

2) Changed schedule for rank & tenure:
   - 01 Oct Due to Chair & Dean simultaneously;
   - 31 Dec Due to Provost
   - 01 March Decision from committee

Motion: “to support the changes” (motion: Lowing; second: Ledesma)

VOTE - Approved

Next Meeting –

October: 10/15
November: 11/19
December: 12/10