Faculty Senate Meeting October 16, 2013

In attendance: Umit Akinc, Daniel Bourland, James Cotter, Kevin Cox, Sonia Crandall, Jacquelyn Fetrow, Candelas Gala, Samuel Gladding, Michael Hughes, Tim, Janke, Linda McPhail, Ken Middaugh, Emmanuel Opara, Cathy Seta, Gale Sigal, Michelle Steward, John Steward, Lynn Sutton, Rosalind Tedford, Mark Welker

Welcome and Updates from Dan Bourland

Professor Dan Bourland welcomed the University Senators in Professor H. Kennedy's absence. The first order of business was to welcome and recognize Emmanuel Opara as a new University Senator representing the medical school.

Professor Bourland encouraged the new standing committee chairs to communicate with the former chairs and learn what the committee has been working on so they may continue along the same path.

Standing Committee reports:

University Integration: Professor Bourland reported that last year's committee obtained funding from the Provost's office to pay for the "on-boarding" costs of undergraduate students who participated in internships. There is a RAC meeting at the medical school tomorrow and Human Resources will be present to discuss this issue for the medical school.

Old Business: The Executive Committee reviewed the first sexual harassment policy draft in the spring of 2013 and provided feedback to the Legal Department regarding this document. The University Legal department has recently provided Professor Green with a second draft for review. Although Professor Green's term as a Senator has expired, he has agreed to follow through on this policy issue for the Senate. He plans a meeting with members of the Executive Committee of the Senate to review the policy.

New Business:

Two major events are scheduled for this week at WFU: The meeting of the Board of Trustees on the Reynolda Campus and the launch of the Capital Campaign.

Senate Members of Board of Trustee Committees: The Faculty Senate is represented on each of the committees listed below. The name to the right of the committee is the current representative.

- Academic Cathy Seta
- Administration Mike Green
- Advancement and Communications Michele Gillespie

■ Finance – John Stuart, IV

Announcement regarding the upcoming meeting of the Board of Trustee's Academic Committee and Capital Campaign Launch

Provost Kersh announced the upcoming community-wide launch of capital campaign on Friday, October 18 from 1:00-2:00pm under the recently erected "Big Tent". He invited the Faculty Senators to come and participate in this event, and expressed his enthusiasm for the goals of this campaign.

Provost Kersh discussed the past and present agenda of the Academic Committee of the Board of Trustees. The meetings occur in October, February, and April; additional meetings are held as the need arises. In addition to the committee members, Dean Jacque Fetrow and other members of the university administration typically attend the meeting. Provost Kersh works with Dean Fetrow and academic representatives to set the agenda items. Last year, the committee discussed online education and wellbeing initiatives on campus. Dean Fetrow presented a description of a Medical Humanities program, 4 year bachelor degree program and Professors Miles Silman and Brad Jones presented an Interdisciplinary M.A. Degree in Sustainability program. Below are the topics on the agenda for the October, 2013 meeting.

- Overview: academic year ahead and year just past
- Faculty Retention/Recruitment/Salaries at WFU
- Role/Engagement of Academic Committee
- Resolutions Recognizing the Consolidation of The Wayne Calloway School of Business and Accountancy and The Babcock Graduate School of Management Under the Name Wake Forest University School of Business

Other Announcements:

Professor Seta extended an invitation to all Faculty Senators to provide her with any issues or information that they would like her to take to the Academic Committee meeting.

Dean Jacque Fetrow plans to meet with the Committee of Collegiate Senators to discuss the teaching professionals' title changes.

Professor Bourland reported that Dean Abraham of the Medical School has agreed to have faculty representatives on their Academic Committee. In addition, Dean Abraham has expressed interest in attending the Faculty Senate meetings when the topics are pertinent to his area.