Faculty Senate Minutes  
Wednesday, April 12, 2017  
JCK 880, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Attending  
Senators: Bahram Asiabanpour, Janet Bezner, Scott Bowman, Michel Conroy, Dana Garcia, Lynn Ledbetter, Ting Liu, Vince Luizzi, Shirley Oгletree, Jovita Ross-Gordon, Vivek Shah, Shane Smith, Alex White  
Guests: Ken Pierce (VPIT), Carlos Solis (AVPIT), Micky Autrey (Curriculum Services), Michael Supancic (University Curriculum Committee), Marla Erbin-Roesemann (St. David’s School of Nursing), Pam Willson (St. David’s School of Nursing), Duane Knudson (HHP), Jo An Zimmermann (HHP), Selene Hinojosa (Library), Katie Burrell (University Star), Ashley Howard (Journalism)

Meeting called to order at 4 p.m. by Senate Chair Conroy

Faculty IT concerns (VPIT Ken Pierce and AVPIT Carlos Solis)  
A variety of concerns were voice and discussed, including slow connectivity, software purchase and restrictions, research difficulties with SPSS, issues with SAP, and future of TRACS  
- SAP works best in Firefox  
- An evaluation of university business programs, including SAP and Banner, is proposed in the new IT strategic plan  
- It is not possible to accommodate software version preferences for everyone, but IT is working to establish a set of programs that are affordable and that work best for the majority of users.  
- Long turn-around time for IRB approval of software purchases, especially verifying ADA compliance hinders researchers  
- Working to consolidate video-conferencing tools  
- IT is investigating other options for meetings and professional research collaboration via video-conferencing  
- If there is a problem with ITAC, ask to speak to a supervisor (“escalate it to the next level”)  
- If Office 365 is not as good or better than previous system, let IT know

The future of TRACS  
Currently investigating options to TRACS, which is becoming outdated  
-When best program is selected for replacement of TRACS, there will be an extensive pilot program  
-TRACS will run concurrently while new system is in initial phases of implementation  
-When TRACS is retired, course material retrieval will still be possible by request  
- IT will survey faculty to determine what we value in a digital learning environment

University Curriculum Committee report (Michael Supancic, Chair)  
- New degree proposal: Master of Science in Nursing major in Leadership and Administration in Nursing to be offered via distance education  
- Program change: Bachelor of Science in Recreational Administration  
- The senate suspended its rules to vote on these changes and both were unanimously endorsed by the senate

Proposal to revise UPPS 04.04.37, Diversity Awards  
- Concern was raised that wording of this UPPS does not provide for the inclusion of disability as a diverse population  
- Motion was made and passed to recommend early review of UPPS 04.04.37
-Discussion of definition of diversity and ideas for more consistent wording throughout various policy statements

**Around the table**

- Concerns regarding efficiency of Central Receiving
  - Often, orders are placed with companies and expedited delivery is requested and paid for, but deliveries are not made to departments in a timely fashion. VPFSS Algoe has been made aware of these problems.
- Concern about SPSS preparation of faculty computers prior to start of research activities in order to facilitate the process

**Approval of April 5 meeting minutes**

- Approval of minutes postponed pending chair revisions

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

~Minutes submitted by Lynn Ledbetter