Villanova University Faculty Congress

Academic Year 2011-2012

Meeting on November 30, 2011

Present: Sohail Chaudhry, Q Chung, Linda Copel, Bud Drago, Rick Eckstein, Christopher Haas, Eric Karson, Edward Kresch, Michael Levitan, Victoria McWilliams, Letizia Modena, Michael Pagano, Paul Pasles, Paul Rosier, Louise Russo, Nancy Sharts-Hopko, Gaynor Strickler, Robert Styer, Thomas Way, Seth Whidden, Joyce Willens.

Absent: Chiji Akoma, Wayne Bremser, Mary Ann Cantrell, Joseph Dellapenna, James Glasgow, John Groch, Judith Hadley, Sarvesh Kulkarni, Susan Mackey-Kallis, Barbara Ott, Elizabeth Petit de Mange, Salvatore Poeta, Sridhar Santhanam, Joseph Schick, Mark Sullivan, Fayette Veverka, Maggie Wang, Kelly Welch, Peter Zaleski, Farid Zamani. (all notified in advance)

1. Welcome and luncheon (Faculty Dining Hall, 12:30 p.m.)
2. Invocation (West Lounge, 1:30 p.m.)
3. Approval of minutes
4. Announcements and Committee Reports
* Spring 2012 meeting schedule

Faculty Congress Executive Committee (FCEC) meetings … On the following dates, starts with lunch in Dougherty Faculty Dining Hall at 12:30 p.m.; Move to West Lounge in Dougherty to resume meeting 1:30-2:30 p.m.

* Meeting #1: Wed, 2/1/2012
* Meeting #2: Tue, 2/28/2012
* Meeting #3: Mon, 4/2/2012

Full Faculty Congress (FC) meetings … On the following dates, starts with lunch in Dougherty Faculty Dining Hall at 12:30 p.m.; Move to West Lounge in Dougherty to resume meeting 1:30-2:30 p.m.

* Meeting #1: Wed, 2/8/2012
* Meeting #2: Tue, 3/13/2012
* Meeting #3: Mon, 4/16/2012

Faculty Congress Year-end Luncheon … Venue TBD; Fri, 5/4/2012, 12:00-2:00 p.m.

* Committee Reports: COF
* Tuition exchange forum on December 6, hosted by COF/HR
* Others as communicated via COF meeting minutes
* Committee Reports: APC
* Faculty Handbook, Last Week of Classes policy tabled.
* FAQs were added to the policy.
* Addition of a librarian on APC, as a non-faculty member
* CATS data analysis, in progress.
* Committee Reports: CNT(FTNTTF)
* Supports the COF resolution on CNT voting rights.
* Committee Reports: AFC
* Participation will be more steady.
* Committee Reports: Constitution Committee
* Referendum is currently in progress.
* Faculty Salary Studies
* Waiting for the official result.
1. COF Resolution on CNT Voting Rights

To revise the Full-time Faculty Handbook

CURRENT WORDING:

3. Eligibility to Participate in the Selection Process. Any tenured faculty member, or any tenure-track faculty member who at the time of the chair’s selection process has completed three full semesters of continuous service at Villanova, may nominate one or more candidates and may vote. All other faculty members may participate in the deliberations but may neither nominate nor vote. Department members who serve as deans, vice presidents, or President may not nominate or vote. An individual may nominate him/herself, and nominees may vote.

PROPOSED WORDING (**change in bold**):

3. Eligibility to Participate in the Selection Process. Any tenured faculty member, or any tenure-track faculty member who at the time of the chair’s selection process has completed three full semesters of continuous service at Villanova, **and any continuing non-tenured faculty member having successfully completed two evaluations by an elected faculty committee of the department**, may nominate one or more candidates and may vote. All other faculty members may participate in the deliberations but may neither nominate nor vote. Department members who serve as deans, vice presidents, or President may not nominate or vote. An individual may nominate him/herself, and nominees may vote.

Resolution adopted unanimously. COF will forward the result to the VPAA, requesting the appropriate update to the Handbook.

1. Suggestions and other resolutions
* Request to reserve meeting rooms for Fall 2012 … The chair and vice chair will do so in Spring 2012 once the course schedule is published.
* Request to contact the AVPAA and communicate the concerns regarding revision of Faculty Handbook on the Last Week of Class FAQs … The chair will do so.
* Suggestion to propose conducting benefits survey (like the one done by Sibson) regularly
* Suggestion to conduct an overall and systematic survey to gauge faculty sentiment
1. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Q Chung

On behalf of the Secretary of the Faculty Congress