

NTID FACULTY CONGRESS
March 7, 2017
Minutes

9.132 PRESENT: Bonnie Bastian, Tao Eng, Austin Gehret, Marcus Holmes, Cynthia Boda Lucas, Campbell McDermid, Ed Mineck, Camille Ouellette, Charlotte LV Thoms, Jessica Trussell

Guests: Amanda Picioli, Vicki Liggera

9.133 Minutes for February 28, 2017 were voted for approval (9 for, 1 abstain).

9.134 An NFC member opened with a discussion about the townhall meeting being run by President Buckley that is scheduled later in the month (3/24). The member reflected on the NFC emergency forum that was held more than a year ago (Dec. 2015) and the sustained impact that forum has had regarding current NTID institutional changes, including hosting the NTID Convocation in November. The NFC member would like to see NFC continue to serve in this role and host their own townhall meeting subsequent to President Buckley's. The member requested to take the lead in establishing an NFC subcommittee involved in organizing and running this meeting.

The NFC member also proposed that NFC redistribute the vote for amending the bylaws to only include lecturers, and not professional staff who teach, for now. There is evidence this vote would pass and thus provide a step towards giving more faculty members a voice in NFC.

There was a motion to table the vote that was seconded. The committee did not reach a unanimous decision on how to move forward with these proposals.

9.135 In review of the vote for bylaws amendments (distributed to NTID early February), it was determined that all eligible faculty did receive the opportunity to vote. The two-thirds majority was clearly not met from the 35 participants who voted. Therefore, NFC ought to continue discussion on how best to alternatively address providing lecturers and professional staff who teach a voice in NFC.

9.136 Amanda Picioli (Chair of Communications Studies and Services) and Vicki Liggera (Director of NTID Counseling and Academic Services) presented to NFC to clarify the academic roles of their departments.

Vicki: Faculty numbers have dropped in her department (currently only 1 faculty member and 10 professional staff). Primary duties typically include 33% of each of the following: personal counseling, academic counseling and career counseling. Within these responsibilities, department members are involved with course planning for students, academic advising, helping to identify academic resources, **teaching summer programs including Summer Vestibule Program (SVP). There is discussion that her**

department might become responsible for teaching freshman seminar again. The one faculty member in the department is more heavily involved in research, but otherwise serves similar academic roles with the professional staff members. All in the department are involved in research as it relates to tracking students.

Amanda: Her personal academic background includes multiple degrees (bachelors through doctorate), is well-qualified to teach and conduct research, but accepted her current position under the label professional staff. Despite this, she has been recruited to help other NTID departments fulfill both teaching and research needs. Her entire department is involved in teaching classes (professional staff are teaching more than faculty who have research expectations). Her department has more than 27 credits offered for next academic year. Currently, she feels that NFC is a better match for voicing the needs/concerns of her department than staff council.

Both Amanda and Vicki report to the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, thus their departments fall under the purview of Academic Affairs.

Suggestion: NFC charter might be revised to include language that includes membership and voting rights to all academic units that report to Academic Affairs. NFC might better serve the unique academic needs of NTID by not modeling Academic Senate in this regard.

9.137 NFC members voting to reconvene in three weeks (3/28).

9.138 Adjournment