MINUTES OF FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING
February 11, 2011 (11-12:30)

In Attendance: Factor, Kim; Frenn, Marilyn; Hanlon, Ann; Hanson, Lisa; Jentz, John; Spargo, R. Clifton; Su, John; Lee, Felissa
Absent: Ibaneznoe, Javier (excused); Papanek, Paula (excused); Pustejovsky, John; Voelker, Mary (excused); Whittenberger, Lynn (excused)

Minutes from previous meeting (January 28, 2011) were approved.

Report from UAS

- The UAS meeting is upcoming and so there is no formal report yet.
- M. Frenn met with the Chairs for the Committee on Administrators and the Committee on Staff & they indicated an interest in involvement and collaboration on issues. There was general discussion about the need for various groups to be included in the decision making structure.
- A new meeting will need to be rescheduled with Father Pilarz as he had to cancel his visit due to a funeral.

Old Business

1) Faculty Forum on Academic Excellence
Minutes from the forum were reviewed. There was a motion that representatives selected by the UAS-Executive Committee will be chosen to convey the message from the open forum and other issues to the trustees and the scheduled May meeting with the Committee on Academic Excellence and Enrollment.
Another point of discussion was that faculty still seem to need healing, closure, from the events surrounding the search for the Arts & Sciences dean. More broadly, there is a need to create more trust & dialogue between the upper administration and the faculty, and create a more consistent feedback loop. For example, it would help to have mechanism for tracking and following up on motions & concerns that remain unaddressed, as well as successful initiatives. It would also help to have a clear sense of the Provost’s priorities when strategic plans are drafted.

2) Status Report on Motion to include Chair & Vice Chair of UAS on the University leadership council, dean’s council meetings, and the trustees meetings.
No report yet – meeting on this issue is upcoming.
**New Business**

1) **Forum for Spring**
   It was ultimately concluded that a forum should not be scheduled with VP Greg Kleibhan in the Spring, in particular because it would be difficult to follow up effectively on any issues raised due to the summer break. Rather, it was decided that it would be more useful to focus on other ways of making connections with the VP that would be helpful for planning future initiatives as Father Pilarz joins Marquette in the Fall.

2) **Charge Items**
   Discussion indicated a need to better understand what the Provost’s priorities are with respect to these charge items. M. Frenn will follow up with him on this question.

3) **Year End Report Information**
   There was a discussion of how to represent the accomplishments and “stuck points” of action items that arise over the year. Ideas revolved around regularly posting information to a public website that makes this movement (or lack thereof) more transparent to the university community.

*Submitted by Felissa Lee, Management Department*