Faculty Council

Minutes of its meeting on March 4, 2011

In attendance: Kim Factor, Marilyn Frenn, Ann Hanlon, Lisa Hanson, Xavier Ibanez-Noe, John Jentz (recording), John Su, Mary Voelker, Lynn Whittenberger, Kerry Egdorf (Visitor)
Absent: Paula Papanek, John Pustejovsky, Felissa Lee

Marilyn Frenn called the meeting to order at 11:05.

The Minutes of the meeting on February 11, 2011, were approved.

Report from UAS by Marilyn Frenn

The Executive Committee of the UAS met with Father Pilarz. He agreed that the Chair and Vice-Chair of the UAS should be on the Leadership Council, which was one part of a resolution passed by the Faculty Council and UAS. He was open to involving the faculty in budgetary issues primarily through their participation in developing a strategic plan, which will drive the budget. The meeting also discussed academic freedom at Catholic universities.

Old Business

The UAS adopted the motion of the FC to include the Chair & Vice Chair of the UAS in the University Leadership Council, Dean's Council meetings, and trustees’ meetings.

The UAS adopted the recommendation of the Subcommittee on Equity on IDA benefits.

New Business

The rest of the meeting was occupied with reading and revising a draft of the FC's annual report to the UAS. The revised draft is attached. The main task of this report, as stated in the Senate’s Bylaws, is to evaluate the state of shared government at Marquette. Numerous topics arose during the discussion.

Several members thought that it is time to review the structure and functioning of the UAS in the light of the goals of shared governance. Communication between the chairs of standing and sub-committees and the larger UAS is inadequate and unstructured. More regular channels of communication might address the problem. For example, committee chairs might be regular members of the UAS; or all committees, including subcommittees, could have liaisons to the UAS; and the liaisons could make reports at all UAS meetings. Also the Provost, Chair of the UAS, and chairs of all UAS committees could meet twice a semester. The UAS and members of all its committees could hold a special meeting to address these questions. For other issues and suggestions see the draft report.

At the end of the meeting the chair asked for feedback by e-mail on a motion calling on the Wisconsin legislature to honor the rights of workers.

The meeting adjourned at 12:32.
Minutes submitted by John Jentz.