

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY

Office of the Provost

Academic Senate Minutes

September 18, 2006

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m. Dr. Lea Acord said a prayer.

Each Senator introduced themselves.

2. Minutes: Approval of Minutes for May 15, 2006

Members Present: Dr. Lea Acord, Prof. Daniel Blinka, Dr. Jack Brooks, Dr. Sharon Chubbuck, Dr. William Cullinan, Dr. Robert Deahl, Mr. Kail Decker, Dr. Marilyn Frenn, Dr. Steven Goldzwig, Dr. Carla Hay, Dr. William Henk, Ms. Kristen Kamm, Dr. Christine Krueger, Dr. Alan Lacy, Dr. Michael McKinney, Ms. Georgia McRae, Dr. Daniel Meissner, Dr. Kristy Nielson, Ms. Julie O’Keeffe, Mr. Jason Rae, Dr. David Shrock, Dr. James South, Dr. Thomas Taft, Dr. Madeline Wake, Dr. Marianne Weiss, Dr. William Wiener and Dr. Wanda Zemler-Cizewski

Members Excused: Dr. Kim Halula and Dr. Sarah Peck

Non Voting Member Present: Dr. Margaret Bloom

Guest Present: Ms. Brittany Clement (Tribune Reporter), Ms. Anne Deahl, Dr. Rich Friman, Prof. Joseph Hylton, Mr. Dale Kaser, Dr. Barry McCormick, Prof. Matt Mitten, Ms. Kimberly Newman, Prof. Andrea Schneider, and Dr. Jill Winters.

Members Not Present: Dr. Richard Marklin

All were in favor of approving the minutes from the May 15, 2006 meeting as presented.

A motion was made to reorder the agenda. After the Enrollment report the group will go to agenda item #6 Institute for Human Rights.

3. Provost Report

- a. Enrollment Fall 06 and Projections for FY08

The Senators received two handouts from Ms. Anne Deahl. The yellow handout compared the enrollment data from 2005 to 2006. A final version of this report will be made available online by the Registrar, Ms. Georgia McRae, in October. The part-time student enrollment is a trend that Ms. Anne Deahl is addressing with the individual deans regarding their specific units. The white handout compared fall 2006 enrollment to the budget. Noted was the fact that Professional Studies students are still registering for classes and that the graduate school has exceeded the enrollment projection for credit hours.

6. Report on the Exploration of an Institute on Human Rights Leadership

Prof. Andrea Schneider, Dr. Rich Friman, and Dr. Barry McCormick have been working on this project since the Argosy Foundation approached the university in 2004. Good progress has been made in establishing an internationally recognized institute.

Prof. Andrea Schneider was the faculty working group facilitator. Their task prior to the Meeting of Experts, held last November on campus, was to review what was going on at Marquette in classes, research, and service learning in regards to human rights. This accumulation of information was fascinating and gave the group many things to boast about during the Meeting of Experts. The next step was to design one interdisciplinary institute which would be a leader in the field. An institute that would focus on leadership and action and that provides faculty and students an opportunity to be involved.

Dr. Barry McCormick was named interim director with the one year seed money received from the Argosy Foundation. The vision for this project includes:

1. Create an Institute for Human Rights Leadership that would train young people as a force for good. Develop both undergraduate and graduate programs.
2. In the teacher/scholar tradition promote academic research on contemporary issues in this area. Truly become a world class institute.
3. Hold a conference and work shop at Marquette University.
4. Promote service learning programs.
5. Have a resident fellows program where outstanding researchers and practitioners in the world work and write.

Immediate goals include going on site visits to other human rights institutes. Finding what are the current best practices and what will make us different from the others. Hire a very visual and prominent director for this institute.

Short term goals to be achieved by the end of this academic year are to create an international fellowship in human rights modeled after the Trinity Scholars. Design a world wide initiative with a two year graduate program in any discipline. Students will be given extensive internship opportunities. The group is also looking at an essay contest for undergraduates with a possible theme being "Why I would be a great human rights worker" and offering a subsidized summer project for human rights work. Another idea is to host an interdisciplinary academic conference in human rights.

Dr. Brooks inquired if the group had various models that they are reviewing. Dr. Friman noted they have looked at the Carr Center and several other widely recognized programs. They are still in the process of putting things together and are aware that many of the programs are not interdisciplinary. Most are narrowly focused on political issues.

Dr. Krueger asked about the human rights vocabulary. Dr. McCormick is aware that the vocabulary needs to be deeply self reflective to make the connection between human rights and human dignity. It is also important to remember that America may not be right in its thinking. The group is open to learning from other countries.

Dr. Wake noted that a new center or institute will not be started without the unit being able to sustain itself. This idea has not been shared with the general community yet.

A question was raised regarding if the plan for fundraising was already developed. They currently have money for one year and are working with Ms. Julie Tolan to design a plan for the future. Mr.

Chris Abele, from the Argosy Foundation, is also helping them make connections with organizations and individuals that would have the capacity to help fund the program.

3. Provost Report - Continued

b. Academic Division Goals for AY 06-07

Upon approval by the Board of Trustees Senators meeting this week a copy of the Strategic Plan will be sent.

Comments regarding the individual goals:

1. Dr. Grenell has already brought in a consultant. Fifteen new faculty of color have been hired for the 2006-2007 academic year.
2. Improve the system for assessment will be covered by Dr. Bloom in her report.
3. A new unit has been formed, the Office of International Education. The search for the director is ongoing. Ms. Anne Deahl is currently reviewing over 40 applicants and the goal is to have the new director begin in January 2007. All study abroad programs and agreements will be handled in this office.

In October, faculty from the Beijing Institute of Technology will participate in administrator education program to be held here on Marquette's campus. BIT has over 20,000 students. A student exchange is in the process of being developed with Ningbo University. Ningbo students will come to Marquette to study business and engineering and Marquette students would go to Ningbo to study Mandarin. The student exchange will begin in the Fall of 2007.

4. Dr. Bloom's program last week was well attended. Senator, Dr. James South, the COF Subcommittee on Academic Affairs Chair, will be seeking faculty input as that group moves forward on determining faculty composition.
5. A leading consulting firm in the nation will do to the benchmarking for Marquette. There will be no mediocre doctoral programs. A lot of resources go into these programs and Marquette will have high caliber programs.
6. More information will be sought this year so that we can benchmark with groups most like ourselves. This will help to adopt better practices. Some business intelligent system software was purchased last year, to collect and organize the data. More will be purchased this year.
7. Conducted program review for several units in the academic division.
9. Ms. Julie Tolan will discuss the campaign with the Academic Senate in October or November.

c. Comments

Dr. Wake noted her concern that only two senators were willing to serve on the Executive Committee. Dr. Kristy Nielson will present on shared governance at the October or November meeting. With shared governance the amount of work will increase but the decisions will be better.

d. Chair Selections.

The Chair of University Board of Graduate Studies is Dr. Edward Inderrieden. The Chair of

Board of Undergraduate Studies is Dr. Kevin Gibson.

4. University Board of Graduate Studies – LL.M. Sports Law

The LL.M. in Sports Law Degree has been approved by the Board of Graduate Studies. It is a masters of Laws and is a post J.D. degree. This would be the first one of its kind in the United States. A program of this caliber will add to the reputation to the Law School and the university in general. It will enroll a maximum of three students the first year and five students there after.

It was clarified for the Senators that only foreign education attorneys would be accepted into the program. Many countries have positions in their governmental structure for a minister of sport. Persons pursuing these positions would be very interested in this program. The Law School has received many inquires already. The goal is to have a very selective high and quality program. Currently Marquette University Law Students are able to earn a Sports Law Certificate.

MOTION – Approve a LL.M. Degree in Sports Law. No second required since it comes from the committee.

VOTE –One abstention, no opposing votes, the remainder of the Senators were in favor.

MOTION PASSED

5. Assessment and Senior Survey Reports

Dr. Bloom is preparing for the focus visit which will be in spring 2009. Senators Dr. Marilyn Frenn, Dr. Kristy Nielson, Ms. Julie O’Keeffe, and Dr. Tom Taft serve on the Assessment Committee.

A flyer that was designed for students was recently delivered to faculty mailboxes. The material is also available on the website. This information will be generated every semester.

Assessment is on schedule. By May 2007 the university will need to have learning outcome data from May graduates which will require quite a bit of work. Now is the time to move it from paper into action.

The senior survey summary report narrative is also available on the website. Specific college questions will be added this spring. In 2004 14% of the students had an international study abroad experience. Should the question be expanded to include other ways to gain international experience?

7. Nature of Research: Research Themes

The Integrated Academic Life model was presented with the integration of research and teaching with five major elements. The process included interviews, focus groups, and taskforce subgroups. Seven themes for research were prevalent by the two separate groups that looked at Marquette research. Marquette University is moving in the right direction for the development of faculty portfolio systems which will be maintained on the website. Information on the groups work will be posted on the university website.