

# University Faculty Affairs MEETING MINUTES

November 27, 2017

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Warren Lawless Conference Room

CHAIR: Rodney Hicks

MEMBERS Present: Joshua Cameron, Casey Chaney, Edward Goering, Malika Kachani, Kabir Lutfy

ABSENT: Pen-Jen Lin

NON-VOTING MEMBERS: Elizabeth Rega

SECRETARY: Alyssa Rodriguez

Topic	Proposed Discussion	Actions								
<b>1. Call to Order</b>	Meeting was called to order at 12:00pm.									
<b>2. Approval of Previous Minutes 10-23-17</b>		<b>Dr. Cameron motioned, Dr. Chaney seconded; all were in favor of approving the minutes as written.</b>								
<b>3. Faculty Handbook</b>	<p>The committee will go through the handbook with the added comments from Faculty/Administration.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;">OLD</th> <th style="width: 50%;">NEW</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>The University supports shared governance and the role that Faculty play in planning and decision-making processes, which are outlined in this Handbook. Faculty are expected to participate in shared governance, which includes, but is not limited to representation on university committees and to exercise primary responsibility over specific areas such as curriculum</td> <td>The University supports shared governance and the role that Faculty play in planning and decision-making processes, which are outlined in this Handbook. Faculty are expected to participate in shared governance, which includes, but is not limited to elected <i>or appointed</i> representation on university committees and to exercise primary responsibility over specific areas such as curriculum</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Definition of Faculty and Faculty Responsibilities</b> There is no category as volunteer, without salary already implies "volunteer"</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;">OLD</th> <th style="width: 50%;">NEW</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>All persons who have been appointed as regular, auxiliary, or emeritus faculty on a full/part- time or volunteer basis, with or without salary, are members of the Faculty. Administrators whose functions are in part</td> <td>All persons who have been appointed as regular, auxiliary, or emeritus faculty on a full/part- time <i>or volunteer basis</i>, with or without compensation <i>salary</i>, are members of the Faculty. Administrators whose functions are in</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	OLD	NEW	The University supports shared governance and the role that Faculty play in planning and decision-making processes, which are outlined in this Handbook. Faculty are expected to participate in shared governance, which includes, but is not limited to representation on university committees and to exercise primary responsibility over specific areas such as curriculum	The University supports shared governance and the role that Faculty play in planning and decision-making processes, which are outlined in this Handbook. Faculty are expected to participate in shared governance, which includes, but is not limited to elected <i>or appointed</i> representation on university committees and to exercise primary responsibility over specific areas such as curriculum	OLD	NEW	All persons who have been appointed as regular, auxiliary, or emeritus faculty on a full/part- time or volunteer basis, with or without salary, are members of the Faculty. Administrators whose functions are in part	All persons who have been appointed as regular, auxiliary, or emeritus faculty on a full/part- time <i>or volunteer basis</i> , with or without compensation <i>salary</i> , are members of the Faculty. Administrators whose functions are in	
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**Appointment of the Faculty**

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<b>4. University Wide Student Conduct Committee</b>						
<b>5. Future Meeting Agenda Items</b>						
<b>Next Meeting</b>	November 27, 2017 - Warren Lawless Conference Room, AAC					
<b>Adjournment</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 1pm.					