**Faculty Affairs Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, October 26, 2022**, **6:00 p.m.**

**Dobski Conference Room, Bone Student Center**

***Call to Order***

***Roll Call***: Laina Carney, Alex Duffy, Tom Hammond, Mary Hollywood, Tom Lucey, Craig McLauchlan, Braxton Myers (secretary), Pete Smudde (chair).

***Public Comment*** *(guest sign in with the FAC chair; not more than 10 minutes total)—*None.

***Approval of Minutes from October 12, 2022***

* Minutes should reflect that Senator Hollywood was Ad Hoc Secretary for October 12, 2022
  + Motion from Senator Myers; Second from Senator Hollywood
  + Motion passed with one abstention

***Discussion:***

* Discuss draft proposal to create an Ombudsperson Office
  + Chair Smudde explained that the provost would like a letter to recommend creation of an Ombudsperson Office and asked the committee for thoughts
  + Discussion covered topics of other universities with such offices, workload for the council thus far, need and benefits for this office for students and for staff.
  + Discussion also included the process for submitting the letter, which would be done following the committee report in the Academic Senate meeting.
  + Vote to approve the letter and send it was unanimous.
* Update on policies
* Policy 3.3.10 Termination Notification of Faculty (Mary)
  + - No forward movement besides sending this letter to the Provost’s Office. In the future, Senator Hollywood will revise language of bargaining agreement in addition to Updating NTT’s and getting rid of language pertaining to the financial exigency.
* Policy 3.3.11 Endowed Chairs & Professorships (Tom L.)
  + - Provosts found no changes.
    - Senator Lucey found that in benchmarking with other universities, there are criterion relating to the Endowed Chairs.
      * Senator Lucey has not made motion towards sending this legislation over to the Provost, but this will be in front of FAC committee at the next meeting.
      * Senator Hammond questions where changes could be found?.
      * Senator Mclaughlin questions the changing of the name for Endowed Chairs.
      * Senator McLaughlin questions termination of Endowed Chairs.
        + Senator Lucey refers to where the University has a right to not renew Faculty under this policy for any reason.
        + Chair Smudde asks if the committee would prefer more direct and concise language.
      * Chair Smudde says that we have to find the document that refers to naming of chairs to be consistent with it.
* Policy 3.5.2 Lab School Continued Service—Faculty Associate (Laina)
  + - Senator Carney determines that there is nothing to be found in terms of revisions that would require change.
    - Chair Smudde deems that is sufficient.
* Policy 4.1.11 Export Control (Tom H.)
  + - Waiting on Senator Horst among other senators.
    - Senator McLaughlin deems that there are bigger policies that have been taking bigger uses of time and will wait until other policies have been prioritized.
* Policy 4.1.13 Classified Research (Tom H.)
  + - Senator Hammond acknowledges there is a review of the policy in 2015, Senator Bower marked up the policy from 2016. However, there has not been any substantial votes or action done and is asking for next steps since 2015.
    - Chair Smudde determines that it would be prudent to ask executive committee when review the document fully and proceed and expect a review.
* Need lead reviewers for:
* Policy 3.2.14 Assignment of persons holding faculty rank to administrative or other nondepartmental positions
* Policy 3.3.14 University Professor
* Other FAC business or matters
  + Policy 3.3.3, (Tom H.) Deems there is no review that needs to be done.

***Adjourn:*** *6:47*

***Approved in committee****:*