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UNI Faculty Senate Regular Meeting  
Sept 11, 2017  
Scholar Space (301), Rod Library  
3:30-4:46  
Summary Minutes

Present: Senators Ann Bradfield, John Burnight, Russ Campbell, Seong-in Choi, Lou Fenech, Faculty Senate Secretary Gretchen Gould, Senators David Hakes, Tom Hesse, Bill Koch, James Mattingly, Amanda McCandless, Steve O’Kane, Vice-Chair Amy Petersen, Jeremy Schraffenberger, Nicole Skaar, Gloria Stafford, Mitchell Strauss, Chair Michael Walter. Also: UNI President Mark Nook, Provost Jim Wohlpart, Associate Provost John Vallentine, Interim Associate Provost Patrick Pease, Faculty Chair Tim Kidd, NISG Representative Tristan Bernhard.

Not Present: Senator Gloria Stafford.

Guests: Angie Cox, Joyce Morrow, Peter Neiber, Trish Schrage, Kelli Snyder, Marybeth Stalp.

No members of the Press were present.

Courtesy Announcements:

Comments from President Nook:
Comments from Provost Wohlpart:
Comments from Faculty Chair Kidd:

Comments from Faculty Senate Chair Walter: Theresa Westbrook and Senator Gloria Stafford have agreed to serve on the Facilities Planning Advisory Committee.

Minutes for Approval
Aug 28, 2017 – Minutes (Campbell/Fenech) Passed.

Consideration of Calendar Items for Docketing
1342 Fall 2017 GCCC - Termination and Suspension of Graduate Programs (Strauss/Skaar) at top to today’s docket.  

1343 Fall 2017 UCC - 2 Programs, New Majors (Gould/Zeitz) at top of today’s docket.  
1344 KAHHS Reorganization
(Zeitz/Strauss) at top of today’s docket.
https://senate.uni.edu/current-year/current-and-pending-business/kahhs-reorganization

1345 Name Change Athletic Training.pdf
(Gould/Burnight) at top of today’s docket.
https://senate.uni.edu/current-year/current-and-pending-business/name-change-athletic-training

1346 Emeritus Requests for Mike Klassen-Marketing, Cynthia Goatley-Theatre and Frank Thompson-Finance (Campbell/Gould) docketed in regular order.

New Business: None.

Consideration of Docketed Items:

1342/1230 Fall 2017 GCCC - Termination and Suspension of Graduate Programs
** (Zeitz/Burnight) Passed. All aye.

1343/1231 Fall 2017 UCC - 2 Programs, New Majors (Gould/Zeitz)
** (O’Kane/Gould) Passed. All aye.

1344/1232 KAHHS Reorganization (Zeitz/Strauss)
https://senate.uni.edu/current-year/current-and-pending-business/kahhs-reorganization
** (Burnight/Zeitz) Passed. All aye.

1223/1345 Name Change Athletic Training.pdf (Gould/Burnight)
https://senate.uni.edu/current-year/current-and-pending-business/name-change-athletic-training
** (Campbell/O’Kane) Passed contingent on passing UCC this week. All aye.

(Media Strauss/Fenech to vote 1331-1337 below as bundle)

1331/1221 Emeritus Request for Rip Marston
https://senate.uni.edu/current-year/current-and-pending-business/emeritus-request-rip-marston
** (Zeitz/Gould) Passed. All aye.

1332/1222 Emeritus Request for Jill Uhlenberg
** (Zeitz/Gould) Passed. All aye. (See Page 4)
1333/1223 Emeritus Request for Mary Frisbee Johnson

1334/1224 Emeritus Request - Dale Olson

1335/1225 Emeritus Request Richard Vanderwall
https://senate.uni.edu/current-year/current-and-pending-business/emeritus-request-richard-vanderwall ** (Zeitz/Gould) Passed. All aye. (See Page 4-5)

1340/1230 Emeritus Request, Kay Weller

1341/1231 Emeritus Nomination, Posthumous, Harry Brod

Marybeth Stalp, Department Head & Professor, Sociology, Anthropology & Criminology - read a tribute list of Brod’s accomplishments. Lou Fenech objected. We had passed a motion to discuss the Brod matter next Senate Meeting, since so many statements had come in late last week, were attached to the docketed item on line, but only with a few days to read. Unfortunately, Dr. Stalp had relied on the published agenda (which we changed), and wanted to read a statement. For the sake of hospitality, Chair Walter allowed. We will hear more about this next week, since the Brod docket item has been delayed until Sept 25.

1337/1227 Draft Proposal to Move to a Consent Agenda for Senate

Adjournment (Campbell/Hakes) All aye.

Next Meeting:
Monday, Sept.25 3:30 p.m.
Scholar Space (301) Rod Library

Sorry, due to technical errors, no transcript of this meeting is available.
Comments made during the session and from other colleagues regarding Emeritus Requests include these:

Jill Uhlenberg

Dr. Zeitz spoke about his former colleague, Jill Uhlenberg. “I have known Jill Uhlenberg for 25 years. We met at Price Laboratory School where she was the director of the Child Development Center. She did an incredible job there as a leader and facilitator. She was recognized the National Coalition for Coalition for Campus Children’s Centers as the Director of the Year in 2005. When she moved to C&I, she became the coordinator the Early Childhood Education division. Soon she became the department head for Curriculum and Instruction. Jill was a fine example of ‘leading through serving.’ She was always supporting us in our work and challenging us to expand our opportunities. This year she received recognition from the Iowa Association for Education of Young Children.

Dale Olson

Dr. Kidd spoke about his physics colleague Dale Olson, with whom he shared an office. Contrasting their workstyles, Olson’s high levels of energy and organization, and Olson’s competitive running. Dr. Kidd commented that “I think Dale Olson has done more after the age of 60” than most individuals, describing him as a “ball of energy.” And that it “was amazing to watch him work with students.” Concluding, Dr. Kidd said of Dr. Olson, “I don’t think we’ve seen the last of him.”

Rich Vanderwall

Drs. Schraffenberger commented on the accomplishments of Languages and Literature colleague Rich Vanderwall, which included his co-founding of the Cedar Valley Acoustic Society. He remarked that Dr. Vanderwall, coming from Price Lab School, “was really dedicated to teacher outreach,” and added that a meeting where Rich Vanderwall was in attendance was bound to be a good one.”

Dr. Zeitz added, “I have known Rick Vanderwall for 25 years. We worked together at Price Laboratory School. He was an innovative English teacher and he was the director and producer of annual dramatic productions. In either role, I admired how Rick challenged his students both in and out of the classroom to accomplish beyond what they thought they could do. Rick changed many lives throughout his teaching career and I am glad to have been a colleague and friend.

Comments by former Department Heads of the Department of Languages and Literatures about Rick Vanderwall upon his candidacy for Emeritus status.
Jeff Copeland:

When Rick (Vanderwall) came to the department from the Malcolm Price Laboratory School, he brought with him a wealth of knowledge and experience that enriched the department in so many ways. However, most important of all, Rick brought along his love and dedication for the profession -- and enthusiasm that was contagious. He was a wonderful colleague and friend for all, and continues to be an inspiration. We wish him the very best in his retirement.

Julie Husband:

Rick (Vanderwall) volunteered wherever needed and offered generous and insightful ways of improving our department culture. He fostered a spirit of joy and creativity in his colleagues, whether partnering in recruitment or collaborating on a new course for the TESS MA. Rick took initiatives on behalf of our department that made it a better place for everyone. He traveled to New Mexico, for instance, to become a part of the Folger National Teaching Corp., returning with an excellent plan for enriching our contacts with teachers across Iowa. He was also a big part of the successful effort to reach out to members of our community through the staged reading of “Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom,” both on campus and at the Jubilee United Methodist Church. He also devoted considerable effort to the Teacher Education Strategic Initiative, UNICO TE, and the Graduate Exam Committee. He is the definition of a great bridge builder. I think the world of Rick--I hope he’s enjoying a well-earned retirement!

Kay Weller

Interim Associate Provost Pease spoke about Kay Weller, as he was Chair of the Department of Geography where Weller served. “Her real impact is the impact she had on students,” adding that these were not always geography students because “she had this knack for finding students who were struggling and connect with them and find a way for them to be successful.” He added, “The joke was that she was everyone’s firm grandmother.” For example, she would shake her finger at them when they did something wrong.” Dr. Pease explained that at the departmental farewell last spring, attendees displayed great affection and admiration for Weller.