Faculty Association Minutes

January 23, 2024

LIB 407 and Zoom

Meeting was called to order at 11:05 AM

1. Welcome
2. Approval of Minutes from November 2023 Meeting
   1. Minutes were approved.
3. Treasurer’s Report
   1. Membership – 62 members
   2. Balances
      1. Endowed Scholarship Fund: $15,091.00 (as of November 10, 2023) – new balances will be reported with the annual report
      2. Expendable Scholarship Fund: $8,742.69 (as of November 10, 2023) – monthly reports will be made available to the Chair or Treasurer upon request and need 3-5 business days for processing
      3. Checking Account: $9,213.22
   3. Pay dues to your division reps or Cash App $OcccFacAssoc
   4. Treasurer’s report was approved.
4. Staff Award – Donita Graves; BIT Division Secretary
5. Chair Report:
   1. President – met twice
      1. Aware there are communication issues – no one speaks for her except her
      2. There will be no formal DEI statement
         1. Continue the excellent work you are doing
         2. Please read the executive order
      3. Question about the lack of travel funds available in division budgets
         1. The Foundation has money for this, work through your deans to request
   2. VPAA – met twice
      1. The chair relayed that faculty noticed that the tone of the faculty meeting for welcome week was much more positive
      2. The chair expressed that the faculty thought the guest speaker was great but that the timing for the meeting was an issue
         1. Time for breaks should be built into the meeting times
         2. Perhaps the speaker and the AI affinity group information could have been a separate stand alone meeting
      3. The chair mentioned the need for a testing center…again
         1. Was told we have one
         2. Chair replied that what we currently have is not what faculty need
         3. Perhaps we should rebrand what we call the testing center to get a better understanding of faculty needs across to the AA administration
   3. Board of Regents - None
   4. Other - None
6. New Business
   1. There should be a scholarship committee update about spring fundraising and scholarships in the February meeting.
   2. There is an open adjunct seat to attend the FA Executive Committee meetings to allow adjunct faculty the chance to have a voice.
   3. If anyone has any concerns, questions, or comments about welcome week that they would like addressed with AA, please forward those to the chair or your division reps.
   4. There is a need for a more formalized study abroad program. Almost any faculty member can find a study abroad opportunity for almost any subject.
      1. The recent trip to Costa Rica was a success!
      2. Discussion ensued
7. Announcements
   1. Congratulations to our Psychology faculty! The online Psychology program has been named 4th best program in the US by Forbes.
8. Adjournment
   1. Meeting was adjourned at 11:28AM

Respectfully Submitted

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Faculty Association Secretary 2023-2024