General Faculty Organization Meeting
April 29, 2009 3:30 pm, UW2 005

Chair: Dan Jaffe

Present: Colin Danby, Bill Erdly, Karen Gourd, Jeanne Heuving, Steve Holland, Chuck Jackels, Pamela Joseph, Gray Kochhar Lindgren, Bruce Kochis, Andrea Kovalesky, Pete Nye, Marc Servetnick, Suzanne Sikma, Mike Stiber, Linda Watts and Alan Wood

Guests: Marilyn Cox, Kelly Snyder, Andreas Brockhaus

Dan started the meeting thanking the faculty for their support of GFO and showing a presentation of Professor Kelvin Sung’s work with students at UWB in computer animation.

Business items

1. GFO Executive Committee report - Chuck Jackels, Vice Chair of the GFO

Chuck reported the activities of the GFO Councils and Committees over the last academic year. The acknowledged the work of the Executive Council, the Campus Council on Promotion, Tenure and Faculty Affairs, the Campus Council on Academic Standards and Curriculum and the Instructional and Research Support Committee. He thanked the members for their hard work and dedication to the GFO and UWB. He thanked Barb Van Sant, the GFO administrative support for her contributions to the GFO. He also reminded the faculty that GFO elections are close at hand and asked faculty give consideration to serving as GFO Vice Chair for the coming year.

Issues that the EC worked on over the last academic year:

Campus Council on Promotion, Tenure and Faculty Affairs Issues

- One-time procedure for appointment of initial faculty to the Science and Technology unit for Winter Quarter
- Joint appointment and transfer appointment procedures
- Standing committee for promotion to full professors in smaller programs

- DTA award - approved 2-year lifetime for nomination. The GFO celebration honoring the 2008 DTA recipient will not be held this year, Gowri Shankar is on sabbatical.

Instructional and Research Support Issues

- IRSC will be conducting a faculty satisfaction survey with the endorsement of the EC

EC review of New Degrees
Conversion of IAS options to majors - 6 degrees approved
1. American Studies
2. Community Psychology
3. Culture, Literature and the Arts
4. Global Studies
5. Society, Ethics and Human Behavior
6. Science, Technology and Society
BA in Electrical Engineering
M.Ed. in Educational Leadership
Option in Media and Communications
PNOIs for a BS in Biology and a BA in Interactive Media

Admission Issues

- Enrollment Management Task Force
- Transfer Admission Policy
- Policy for transcripting repeated courses
- Policy for alternative to TOEFL
- Annual report on admission of premajors

Organizational Issues

- CUSP Review - 3-year review sponsored jointly with the VCAA. A report will be produced May 2009
- Discussion on converting to schools and colleges - no EC action, ongoing discussion at the FCTCP
- Proposal for creation of sub-units within academic programs to be considered in June.

2. AY 09-11 budget and budget implications

  - a. 25.7% reduction in state funds. Some offset from federal stimulus funds.
  - b. 14% growth in tuition in each year.
  - c. Net reduction ~12%.
  - d. At UWB, academic units being cut ~6-10%

Dan and Chuck made ice cream using liquid nitrogen, it was greatly enjoyed.

Enrollment growth

- e. Dramatic growth in applications, admissions and confirmed enrollments.
- f. Comparison data for same date last year:

| Freshmen applications | 1134 Up 74% from last year |
Freshmen admits 861 Up 90% from last year
Freshmen confirmed enrollments 227 Up 103% from last year
Transfer applications 670 Up 32% from last year

3. Success in capital funding for UW3 design!
   - a. Thanks to all faculty who went to Olympia! We made a difference!
   - b. Stats: We had mtgs w/80% of all legislators, 100% of all members higher ed comm., 100% of all local reps!

CUSP review-significance and how to participate
   - c. CUSP survey is in your inbox. It's important.
   - d. Feedback to Review committee co-chairs. Jerelyn Resnick and David Goldstein

GFO elections for next year held in May for GFO Vice and CCPTFA: process and how to nominate

Jeanne Heuving read two excerpts from her book "Incapacity".

Raffle of dinner and wine
Pam Joseph won a bottle of Merlot and Karen Gourd won a dinner for two at Pen Thai Restaurant.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm