MINUTES

ULM Faculty Senate

March 29, 2018

12:30 PM Walker 1-111

1. Call to order at 12:36p
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes approval from 2/22/18
   1. Gandy/Mullone
4. Committee reports
   1. Academic Standards
      1. Nothing to report
   2. Constitution and By-laws
      1. Nothing to report
   3. Faculty Welfare-
      1. Handbook should be sent out to the Senate today (3.29.18)
      2. We will have two weeks to look at it and approve revisions
      3. A special session may be called to specifically deal with revision
   4. Fiscal Affairs
      1. Nothing to report
   5. Elections Committee
      1. Nothing to report
   6. Executive committee
      1. Violence free workplace policy update (no process in place)
         1. HR has not sent Dr. Pani and updated policy and he will check on this
      2. Final exam schedule
         1. No final decision has been made
      3. Tuition
         1. No final decision has been made
      4. Budget
         1. The system has not made us aware of any cuts to prepare for
         2. If there is a full budget reduction it could be ~9 million dollar hit
         3. Administration remains optimistic that the cut would be ~1 million dollars reduction to the operating budget
      5. PhD programs
         1. The University has conducted an internal review on 6 new PhD programs
         2. We will have a new BoR commissioner in July
         3. All of the proposals would entail teaching lines, increased budgets, and infrastructure
      6. Promotion and Tenure
         1. Dr. Pani emailed president of FS regarding promotion and tenure for a library faculty
         2. Currently there is no college committee for library P&T (eliminates college level review)
         3. We as the FS executive committee replied that we did not feel comfortable to have an exception to the P&T policy
            1. We would prefer a uniform policy
            2. Library faculty are academic faculty and should be treated like all other academic units
            3. Dr. Stockley mentioned that a college level committee could be created from all other colleges on campus
      7. Faculty Activities Database (FAD)
         1. It is a central point for marketing
         2. From the faculties perspective
            1. It should be more user friendly

We need a group a faculty to work along with the database manager to help in this regard

* + - * 1. Should compliance with FAD be obligatory for merit raises?

Dr. Pani declined comment until further evaluation

1. New Business
   1. Faculty nominations for senate seat openings are being taken
      1. We will have elections soon
   2. Travel reimbursement is a problem that should be addressed
2. Adjournment 1:41p