April 2020 Executive Committee Meeting of the RFO

Location: Zoom
Date: April 7, 2020
Time: noon

Minutes:

Attending: Mays, Yang, Skilton, Cowin, Peters Devarie

I. Chair Welcome and Updates
   A. Everyone is alive and well.
   B. Off agenda item: we agreed to hold an online assembly meeting on April 27 at 2pm. The chair will set up the meeting.

II. Discussion Item: Officer Selection
   A. Vice Chair
      i. No member of the executive committee being interested in the position, we agreed to open the nomination process to the Assembly, and will solicit nominations by email by April 10th, for an election to occur after the General Assembly meeting on April 27. The vice chair elected this spring will take over the chair position August 15th.
   B. Recorder
      i. Skilton self-nominated to serve as recorder and was elected unanimously.

III. Discussion Item: Future Meetings
   A. May RFOEC meeting
      i. Date not set? Not in my notes. Discuss election prospects for Vice Chair
   B. VCAA
      i. Discuss summer and the transition to online – will it affect the campus
      ii. Hear about covid, enrollments
      iii. Ask about Academic affairs messaging to students
      iv. Next meeting May 13th
   C. Chancellor
      i. Discuss budget concerns
      ii. Hear about covid, enrollments
      iii. Ask about student affairs messaging to students
      iv. Next meeting May 12

May 12
IV. Discussion Item:
   A. Bylaws and Listserv update
      i. We have our own mailing list thanks to Faculty Senate
      ii. We did not discuss bylaws
   B. Faculty Senator selection and process
      i. We will solicit nominations by email by April 10 (Skilton & Mays)
      ii. The election will be by email, per the bylaws, and will run May 20-26th, ending at 11:59pm.
      iii. We could use an email account to use for elections – I suggest RFOelections@wsuu.edu. The chair should own it.

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IX. Discussion Item: Adjuncts

X. Announcements and Requests
   A. Information Item: Unit Updates
   B. Information Item: upcoming events
      i. VCAA: April 8 @ 1pm
      ii. Chancellor Haynes mtg: April 14 @ 12 in East 212

Wednesday, February 19 @ 12:35
Hi Bin,
I just was able to connect with Lisa Gehring in HRS because this memo is unclear in a couple of areas. First, for existing tenure track faculty, going from 1.0 FTE to 0.75 FTE requires a new contact and that has to go through the provost’s office. Second, there is also an issue on summer salary/12 month status and federal/state funding agency. For example, faculty who wish to pay themselves three months of summer salary from their grants, must attest they will work through the full period with no vacations. Finally, regular faculty on 9 month appointments do not accrue vacation. Faculty who have administrative 12 month appointments do, but this isn’t clear either. Anyway, more from Lisa soon.

Greg

Thursday, February 20 @ 9:31 am
Spoke again with Lisa this morning. This memo will be withdrawn in its current form. One of the larger issues is how faculty on nine month appointments can apportion their salary over 12 months (no reduction in FTE) to make household budgeting easier. According to HRS and Finance and Administration, that will be possible once WorkDay is implemented. Right now, they are at capacity with this project.

Greg

Memo withdrawn by VCAA, Thursday, February 20 @ 9:33am