UMES Senate Meeting

Minutes for April 9, 2013

11am Frederick Douglass Library

I. The Meeting was called to order at 11:00 am.
    Apologies: Dr. Nina Bennett

II. A motion to approve the March 12 minutes was made by Dr. Ted Mollett and seconded by Dr. Mark Williams. The vote was approved and carried.

   • Dr. Nykiel followed up on the following:
      - A committee has been appointed to address bettering the environment for graduate assistants. Dr. Simms-Tucker, Bennett, Kairo, Davis, and Mrs. Billie will look into the matter.
      - Classroom assessment was to be sent April 9 to address problems over the summer to make for a better instructional and learning environment. Faculty were requested to complete the assessment before the end of the semester.
      - Credit By Exam (CBE) is not for the last 30 credits to be completed. The university is coming up for accreditation 2015-2016 and it is important that amongst other things the CBE is being done appropriately. It has been noted that students tend to be short 1-3 credits over time. The current plan is to allow students who are short 1-3 credits to walk with the understanding that they are to complete those credits within the year. The student can meet with their advisor and complete the plan with approval from the department chair and Dean.
      - The President’s inauguration was announced with the date of April 19th, 2013. Classes will be suspended between 10am and 3pm to enable faculty and students to attend. Faculty are expected in full academic regalia to assemble at 12pm in the Performing Arts Center.
      - Dr. Walker and the installation committee requested that faculty respond to their Dean indicating attendance at the inauguration.

III. Old Business

   • Exploration of Guardrails update
      Dr. Talley presented the minutes of their meeting which Dr. Robert Johnson recommended that they be posted so that faculty, staff, and students can add and/or comment toward contributing for the final document.

   o Senate Constitution
The committee, comprising of Dr. Mark Williams, Dr. Lakeisha Harris, and Mr. Joseph Bree came up with amendments to be provided on the Senate webpage. The main changes were:
- Make current constitution applicable with current practices
- Bring the constitution up to date with electronic age

The amendments will be voted on at the May 13th meeting after the 30-day waiting period.

- Campus climate report
  - The draft is currently being edited

IV. New Business

- Dr. Holden reported on behalf of acting police Chief K. Collins
  - The process is underway to search for a permanent police chief for July 1, 2013
  - Investigation for the use of cameras for added security
  - Increase in campus policing
  - A proposal has been made to do a campus analysis of security and identify a company to complete the analysis in 90 days; have the police department fully accredited for UMES and USM
  - A press conference to address security and safety for the campus and recent updates on the stabbing was to be held Wednesday, April 10, 2013.

Student Issues/Concerns – SGA Student Representative: Eric Lane
- Mr. Lane thanked the student support received after the student’s murder.
- He announced the elections for class boards, Mr. and Miss UMES, SGA President
- A UMES and USM SGA senate meeting to be held at 10am in the SSC multipurpose room April 14, 2013 to address issues of concern with the next to be held at Towson University May, 2013.

Dr. Robert Johnson asked why there were not more students attending the Senate meeting and the need for the senators to be present.

Graduate student representative Ms. Stephanie Hallowell asked how many students needed transport for Easter mass in Salisbury.

- Safe Zone: Dr. Lakeisha Harris reported on two trainings to be held twice, April 23rd or April 24th, 2013 in the Office of Residence Life to be up to date on terminology, being a safe zone ally, and use of a sticker to
indicate the safe zone. She invited the body to sign up and contact her with further questions.

Senate elections for academic year 2013-2013
Nominations
Chair: Dr. Lakeisha Harris was nominated over Dr. Robert Johnson. Dr. Mark Williams moved and was seconded by Dr. Talley
Vice Chair: Dr. Mark Williams, Dr. Spinner, and Dr. Chapin were nominated. The nominations were closed, moved by Dr. Holden and seconded by Dr. Talley. The final vote will be made at the next meeting on May 13th, 2013
Secretary: Dr. Lombuso S. Khoza was nominated. Ms. Demanche moved and seconded by Dr. Talley.
Parliamentarian: Mr. Joseph Bree was nominated. Dr. Talley moved and was seconded by Ms. Demanche.

President Bell reported on the year going well overall. Her updates were:
- Under the budget cycle, UMES came out well, there are real dollars for enhancing campus initiatives, including adjunct faculty matters, approval of first phase of Aviation Sciences building; more information will be provided.
- The president attended the send-off for the women’s bowling team who have done an excellent job and were due to participate at their NCAA third bowling championship.
- Dr. Bell also attended the pageant for Mr. and Miss UMES.
- Inauguration activities will be provided over the coming week. There will be participants who have never been to UMES; therefore the body was requested to provide them with a good welcome.
- Upcoming activities were to include a guest speaker for Research Day, health and wellness screening in honor of Dr. Bell’s parents, a performance by the Dayton Contemporary Dance Company co-sponsored with Salisbury University, a scholarship gala ball to support the Eminence Fund for merit scholarships.

Dr. Robert Johnson reported on the requirements for students to participate in the Honors program being harder with the requirement of SATs of higher than 1650. He proposed assessing how our honors program requirements can be modified to get students into the program.

- Dr. Bell responded that a director for the honors program was being recruited who should have an advisory group to assess the program and its functions with the need for resources to compete for students.
- Dr. Bell shares that she would get the Vice-Presidents to talk a little about next Fall’s anticipated freshmen recruitment and the “numbers” that we must have to operate.

- Dr. Nykiel will have an update on enrollment numbers at the May meeting for fall 2013. The three vice-presidents (Nykiel, Holden, and Jenkins) can present on numbers and implications for the incoming class

Mr. Joseph Bree presented the Senate Academic Affairs report:
1. Proposal for a BA in Jazz and Popular Music. The caveat ‘that the program not be initiated until new money from the state is procured to support the program’ was discussed by the body. It was clarified by Dr. Holden who stated that funding priorities would dictate allocation of resources under the budget task force of the afore-mentioned vice presidents. Ms. Demanche stated that the program should be able to fund itself. The proposal was moved and approved.

2. Proposal for PHAR 799 to make changes to the curriculum which is reflected in the course description was moved by Ms. Demanche and seconded by Dr. Mark Williams. The proposal was approved and the motion carried.

3. Proposal for CHIN and CHIN 101 to create the prefix CHIN and changes the experimental course ENGL 388 to a permanent course of CHIN 101 was moved by Dr. Talley and seconded by Dr. Mark Williams. The proposal was approved and the motion carried.

4. Proposal for ACOL, GVOL, and HSOL eliminates multiple prefixes for the doctoral program. ACOL 899, GVOL 899 and HSOL 899 will simply be referred to as ORLD 899. The proposal was moved by Dr. Talley and seconded by Ms. Demanche to be approved and the motion carried.

5. Proposal for AGRI 688C for changes to AGRI 690 was moved by Ms. Demanche and seconded by Dr. Mark Williams. The proposal was approved and the motion carried.

Follow-up on the constitution:
- Dr. Talley addressed article 3C section 3 proposed change and article 4 type ‘on’ senate’s website

Other business
- Mr. Lamkin reported on there being no sign for PAC/Ella Fitzgerald building. Dr. Talley proposed the establishment of an ad hoc committee for campus signage.

VII. Adjournment
A motion adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Joseph Bree. The meeting was adjourned at 12pm.