

Winthrop University Faculty Conference

5 October, 2012

2:00 pm Whitton Auditorium, Carroll Hall

At 78 faculty members present, a motion to do business was approved unanimously by voice vote. Meeting commenced at 2:06pm.

Agenda

- I. Approval of minutes for August 17, 2012 Faculty Conference (*minutes attached*)
 - Names of new faculty members introduced at the August 17th Faculty Conference will be added to the minutes.
 - Motion to approve as amended, seconded and approved unanimously by voice vote.
- II. Report from the Chair, Cliff Calloway
 - Update on Presidential Search
 - Advertisement ends on October 12th.
 - Search and Selection committee will work to trim the list of names by mid-December. By the end of January the remaining candidates' (3-5) names will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees.
 - Should faculty members have addition feedback, please forward them to Cliff Calloway as the committee prepares to review applications.
 - Questions about the search process?
 - None.
- III. Report from the President, Anthony DiGiorgio
 - Email to faculty sent earlier in the week.
- IV. Report from the Vice President for Academic Affairs, Debra Boyd
 - Dr. Boyd congratulated and thanked colleagues in interior design and social work for their work during recent accreditation site visits. The visits seemed to go quite well.
 - Regarding the Presidential Search committee visit, Dr. Boyd expressed that this is a specific place. Average tenure for a president who comes in after a president with a long tenure is 3-5 years. She suggested that if faculty are engaged as much as possible in the process, we can work to select a president who will bring us into our next phase. Dr. Boyd encouraged faculty to read the job description, and send thoughts on what the candidate should bring and who that candidate should be.
- V. Committee Reports
 - Academic Council, John Bird
Academic Council met on September 28, 2012. A new program and program modification were presented to Faculty Conference:

Degree	Major	Conc.	Department	Action
CERT	HCMT		Management and Marketing	NEW PROGRAM. CUC passed with the stipulation that students in this certificate program must meet institutional requirements for GPA and continuing eligibility.

Minor	Title	Department	Action
MUSC	Minor in Music	Music	MODIFY PROGRAM: Reduce total number of credit hours required from 24 to 23; Remove MUST 307 from list of required courses

- The new program and program modification were approved unanimously by voice vote.
- The following courses were approved by unanimous voice vote as new courses for the Touchstone Program:
 - MDST 300 – Humanities and Arts
 - PHIL 302 – Humanities and Arts
 - PHIL 303 – Humanities and Arts
 - PHIL 315 – Humanities and Arts
 - PHIL/RELG 390 – Humanities and Arts
- The following Touchstone Program courses were recertified in their respective areas (no action needed by Faculty Conference):
 - Math 101 – Language, Logic and Semiotics (LLS)
 - Math 105 – LLS
 - Math 150 – LLS
 - Math 151 – LLS
 - Math 150 – Quantitative Skills
 - Math 151 – Quantitative Skills
 - Math 105 – Quantitative Skills
- Faculty Committee on University Life, Courtney Starrett (report attached)
 - Faculty Conference website has committee list with representatives for each college, faculty are encouraged to contact their college representatives.
- Other Committee Reports
 - None.

VI. Unfinished Business

- None.

VII. New Business

- None.

VIII. Announcements

- Registrar Reminders, Gina Jones
 - Advising begins Wed October 17th
 - Registration begins October 31st.
- University Relations, Judy Longshaw
 - Encouraged engagement from the faculty in reporting programs, research, alumni news.
 - Efforts to engage students on social media, especially on Twitter. Encouraged faculty to follow on Twitter. Smithne@ withrop.edu

- Other Announcements
 - Dr. Laura Dougherty- *The Hungry Woman: A Mexican Medea* runs this week in the Department of Theatre and Dance. Please attend.
 - Dr. Gloria Jones-
 - Reminded faculty that mid-term grading ends Sunday at 11:59. Please report.
 - McNair scholarship applications are available and open.
 - Please include ULC and Learning Objectives on syllabi submitted for recertification. Student learning goals for the Touchstone Program do not have to be included for recertification, nor for course assessment.
 - Meditation Room open in University College 230A. Open to all faculty, staff and students for meditation, reflection and prayer.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:27pm

Faculty Conference Membership (329) 35% = 115 20% = 66