

Libraries Faculty Advisory Council
Minutes, February 28, 2012

Present: Nancy Courtney, Jose Diaz, Magda El-Sherbini, Dracine Hodges, Melanie Schlosser, Rocki Strader, Karla Strieb, Kathy Webb.

1. Grant funding procedures and support—invitation to Office of Sponsored Programs to talk with faculty on April 3

This is a request from Lisa Patton-Glinski. There have been some issues with grants recently. Lisa would like to have someone speak to the faculty in a Q&A session.

2. Risks in signing disclaimers—invitation to Office of Legal Affairs to talk with faculty on April 3

This is also at Lisa Patton-Glinski's request. Disclaimers can put the Libraries and the University in a tricky position. The signer of a disclaimer is, him/herself, liable regardless of University affiliation. Lisa would like to have someone speak to the faculty about what disclaimers are and the issues involved.

Related issues that FAC identified are Conflict of Interest Form and general question of "who is authorized to sign what."

There was some discussion as to whether 1 and 2 above should be presented at faculty meetings or in separate informational sessions. The decision was to invite the speakers to faculty meeting (ideally April 3).

3. Coordinating POA changes across FAC committees (so we send one request over to OAA)—Karla

Karla spoke about Carol's reference in the last faculty meeting about how to send changes to the Pattern of Administration over to the Office of Academic Affairs. We and OAA do not want to re-send a copy of the POA every time a change is made. The need is for FAC to coordinate multiple changes and consolidate into one draft to be sent over to OAA.

For example, all governance documents need to be cleaned up to eliminate references to quarters, changing them to "terms" or "semesters."

Kathy will contact the chairs of the governance committees about the need to review their documents again and have changes to propose at the April 3 faculty meeting. (All changes will require electronic vote by the faculty.)

4. Process for faculty to weigh in on evaluating the feasibility and desirability of an information studies curriculum—Karla

FAC agreed that the best way to study the feasibility of an information studies program would be to establish a working group on it. Kathy will contact the chair of the Teaching and Learning Committee to identify someone willing to chair the working group and to put out a call for interest. The working group would then draft its charge for FAC approval.

5. Vote counts POA/CFBRR documents (status)—Rocki

POA ballot reached simple majority and will be closed early. Three of the four parts of the CFBRR ballot reached simple majority (one part is one vote short, but clearly showing approval). FAC agreed that the CFBRR ballot could be closed early.

Rocki expressed concern that it has not been clear what the current number of eligible faculty is for determining quorum and simple majority. She will contact HR to get a current list.

[6]. Kathy indicated that so far the only firm agenda item for the April 3 faculty meeting is the definition of “teaching,” which has been revised by the University Senate. FAC anticipates that discussion of this issue will require a substantial amount of the meeting time.