

WPU Faculty Senate Research Council

Minutes, October 29, 2008

Present: Kevin Martus, Kelli Asada, Marina Budhos, Joanna Holcombe, and Martin Williams

Not Present: Steve Betts and Heejung An

Meeting called to order by chair, K. Martus, at 11:40 am.

1. Motion to accept the agenda by K. Asada, seconded by M. Budhos
2. Motion to approve the minutes from September 23, 2008 (with minor corrections) made by M. Budhos, seconded by M. Williams.
3. Report on the meeting with the Executive Council. The suggestion of a name change for our council to Research **and Scholarship** Council was discussed. K. Martus needs our suggestions for three to four reasons for the change. Please e-mail him your suggestions. The governance council will look at the proposal.
4. Summer Research Programs. We need to find out more about the process and what goes on behind the scenes. Each college seems to do things differently, so we need to find out the rationale for each college.
 - Is it summer or not?
 - Is it competitive?
 - What do you get? (e.g., stipend, time, students, etc.)
 - What do you have to do after?
 - How many awards are given each year?

K. Martus asks that everyone come to the next meeting with this information for your college.

5. Research and Scholarship Day. What do we want it to look like? In the past, it has been a 9-5 event with lunch and a poster session during common hour. Faculty present to other faculty and students, but there are also student presentations. Last year, the event was able to include presentations of student art posters. K. Martus contacted Jim Hauser (Writing Across the Curriculum) about including student writing contest pieces, where the students could do readings. We should also encourage faculty who were awarded summer research stipends to present. The College of Humanities and Social Sciences has a reading series in which the summer stipend winners are required to participate, so perhaps they could do it as part of Research and Scholarship Day instead.

K. Martus will double-check that the rooms are booked, as well as inquire into their evening availability. Part of the reason for exploring this option is that many of the Education students are teachers, and are, therefore, unavailable during the day.

Tom Uhlein has agreed to work on a program cover/poster for us again this year.

We need to make sure that we explain the inclusivity of the arts in this event. Part of this will fall to members as they talk it up amongst their colleagues. Wording in the announcements will be changed to a "call for abstracts and presentations."

M. Williams, K. Martus, and J. Holcombe suggested changes to the both the call and the form. Among the changes to the form, the 3:30-5:00 slot will be blocked out for the Author Reception, and evening hours will be added as a 5-7 block (if the rooms are available). M. Williams will send the revisions to the council for comments. Our goal is to send the call out before Thanksgiving.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Holcombe
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