Faculty Senate Newsletter

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From the President's Report:

The U.S. Department of State and the National Academies announced 12 new Jefferson Science Fellows for 2016-17, and included on this list is Professor Sharmila Mukhopadhyay. Professor Mukhopadhyay is the director of the Wright State Center for Nano-Scale Multifunctional Materials.

Larry Y. Chan has been named Wright State University's new Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel effective March 1, 2016. Dr. Chan has more than 10 years of work experience in higher education law at Bowling Green State University as Associate General Counsel.
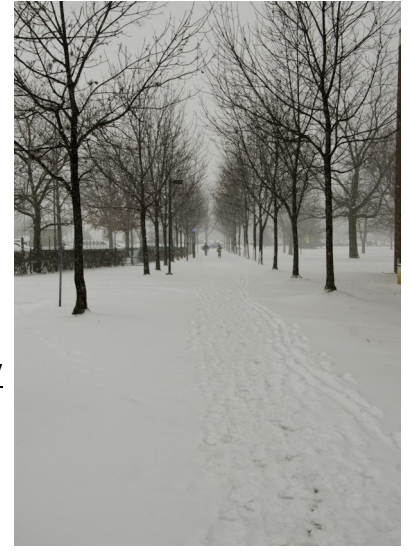
In early January, Wright State senior, Emily Bingham, traveled to Los Angeles to compete in the Jeopardy! College Tournament of Champions. Emily's first episode will air on Tuesday, February 2, at 7:30 p.m. The Wright State Alumni Association has organized a watch party in her honor, details are available on their website: http://wrightstatealumni.com/

Boonshoft School of Medicine student Christen Johnson has been elected as President-elect of the Student National Medical Association.

Professor Joe Deer was named a recipient of the 2016 Governor's Award for the Arts in Ohio for Arts Education. Professor Deer and the other award winners will be honored during a luncheon May 18 in Columbus.

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Provost's Report

Enrollment is slightly up from this time last year. Undergraduate enrollment is up 0.1%, and graduate enrollment is up 2.5%.

Starting January 1st, Dr. Joseph Keferl assumed the duties of the Dean of the College of Education & Human Services.

Dr. Margaret Dunn will chair the search committee for the new Dean of the College of Science and Mathematics. The committee hopes to complete the search by the end of Spring 2016, and have new dean in place by Fall 2016.

Dr. Stephen Foster, Associate Vice President for International Affairs, will be on leave until his scheduled retirement in February 2016. Dr. Henry Limouze has been named as the interim Associate Vice President for International Affairs.

On Thursday, January 28th and Friday, January 29th, three senior international officers were on campus to conduct a review of Wright State's international programs. The goal of the review was to determine what the University can do moving forward to serve our international students and serve the faculty through our international programs.

The Faculty & Staff Appreciation Event will be Saturday, February 20th between the Women's and Men's Basketball doubleheader. The Women's game begins at 3pm, the Appreciation Event runs from 5pm to 6:45pm, and the Men's game begins at 7pm. All Wright State faculty and staff with a wright.edu email address are eligible to receive up to four FREE tickets. https://www.wright.edu/athletics/faculty-and-staff-appreciation-night

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Executive Committee Report

Ad Hoc International Programs Oversight Committee

This committee is to be chaired by past Faculty President Mateen Rizki. Responsibilities are directed toward ensuring that academic standards are maintained and policies adhered to in the development and implementation of international programs and that recruiting agreements and activities serve institutional and program needs and capacity and demonstrate strategic planning and coordination with other efforts. The committee will also review admissions and academic policies as they relate to international students to neither advantage nor disadvantage them.

Overhead Transparency Phase-Out

The Executive Committee met with CIO Craig Woolley to discuss the discontinuation of central support of the overhead transparency projectors by fall of 2016. CaTS will use the latest classroom equipment preferences form as a starting point to see how many faculty members could be effected by this change. Craig Woolley will call each faculty member who has requested an overhead projector to accomplish two things:

1. Make sure there is no confusion about which type of overhead projector is requested (old style transparency vs. newer computer projectors).

2. Start a dialogue with each faculty member who still wants to use the old style projectors to help prepare them.

Once CaTs knows how many faculty members will truly be affected by this change, they will work together with the Union and Faculty Senate to come up with a transition plan that is acceptable to all parties and communicate it to all of the faculty body.

Campus Climate Survey

Vice President Kimberly Barrett reviewed and discussed the most recent results of the Campus Climate Survey with the Executive Committee. Dr. Barrett shared that her office is working on an action plan and she is invited to present on the plan when it is completed.

FERPA Violation

The Office of Community Standards informed the Executive Committee that the university had to self-report a FERPA violation resulting from an Academic Integrity Violation form being filled out with multiple students' names and being sent to each of the student's names involved, thus disclosing confidential information. OCS will be offering training sessions for faculty this semester on the integrity violation reporting process.

Old Business

The Faculty Senate voted to approve the Policy Modification: Course Addition, Deletion Procedures with minor edits to the language found in the document. The following policies were approved: Policy preparing New Minor Program or Concentration Proposals, Policy for Preparing Program Modifications, and Policy for Deactivation, Reactivation, and Termination of Programs. The new program of study: COM Media Studies Minor was also approved with the revision of major to minor.

New Business

The Course Registration, Add, Attendance, and Drop Policy, an Undergraduate Petition Policy, and the Course Numbering System Policy were moved to old business by suspension of the parliamentary rules and approved. The Undergraduate Petition Policy did not exist as a formal policy before now, but formalizes the procedure that was already in place. Minor clean-ups were made to the Course Registration, Add, Attendance, and Drop Policy, including breaking out the language on course numbering and making it a separate policy.

Council Reports

Building and Grounds

Committee chair Jim Mernart gave a verbal report on the proceedings of the Building and Grounds Committee in its evaluation and continued work on the Campus Master Plan. A draft resolution of the Campus Master Plan has been forwarded to the Faculty Budget Priority Committee. The resolution, if approved by the Senate at a future date, will recommend that funds for the controversial elements of the Campus Master Plan revision be removed from the Capital Plan. While buildings were being proposed for future demolition in the Campus Master Plan update, seen by the Senate in the fall semester, the Woolpert Study, conducted prior to the Perkins and Will evaluation that resulted in the update, had not recommended demolition but rather reconstruction of many of those buildings. The price to demolish and replace every building listed in the Master Plan update could be as much as $125 million. However, following the guidance of the Woolpert study, the average cost to repair buildings without demolition is estimated to be $20 million (excluding the Fine Arts buildings and Forest Lane).

Undergraduate Curriculum Review Committee

Committee chair Stephanie Triplett gave a verbal report to the Faculty Senate concerning the committee's review of syllabuses for Multicultural Competence (MC) designated courses. The committee found that large percentages of syllabi examined did not identify the course as an MC course nor list the approved student learning outcomes. The committee outlined five recommendations.

1. Encourage faculty to use a standardized format for course syllabi so that essential content is included.

2. Encourage department chairs to review the course syllabi for all courses each semester to ensure that essential content is present.

3. Encourage department chairs to mentor faculty (including adjuncts) who are missing recommended content in the syllabus, particularly descriptions of how student activities connect with learning outcomes.

4. Continue providing education on how to write effective syllabi at New Faculty Orientation.

5. Provide faculty development opportunities for all faculty members (including adjuncts) on writing effective syllabi, mapping student activities to learning outcomes, and teaching multicultural competence.

The Executive Committee will review the report and make further recommendations to the Senate.

Faculty Line

Academic Integrity Week

Joint efforts of several support units across campus are holding daily events and workshops on January 25 through January 29. For more information and lists of events, click the link above.

Senate Elections

The Faculty Senate nomination period begins the week of February 8. Additional announcements will be made via email and the Faculty Senate website. For all information pertaining to open senate seats, eligible faculty members, and an election time line, please select the link below.

https://www.wright.edu/faculty-senate/about/faculty-membership-senate-elections

Faculty & Staff Appreciation Event

Please join your fellow Wright State faculty and staff on Saturday, February 20, for the fourth annual Faculty and Staff Appreciation Night, a celebration of all that you do for our university community. For event details, please select the link above.

Faculty Senate Meeting dates, agendas and minutes:

www.wright.edu/administration/senate.

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