



June 30, 2015

To: University of Oregon Senate

From: Miriam Deutsch, Chair, Faculty Advisory Council, 2014-15

Re: FAC End of Year Report

The Faculty Advisory Council met every Monday classes were in session during the academic year, as well as in a few additional meetings that were deemed necessary.

Elected members for 2014-15:

Miriam Deutsch, Physics, Chair
Helen Chu, Libraries OA
Alexandre Dossin, Music and Dance
Alexander Dracobly, History, NTTF
David Gault, Education, NTTF
Michael Hames-García, Ethnic Studies (resigned)
Lynn Kahle, Business
Linda Leon, Romance Languages, OA
Jeffrey Measelle, Psychology
Debra Merskin, Journalism
Melissa Redford, Linguistics
Merle Weiner, Law

Ex officio members for 2014-15:

Scott Coltrane, Interim President
Frances Bronet, Acting Provost
Doug Blandy, Senior Vice-Provost for Academic Affairs
Barbara Altman, Senior Vice-Provost for Academic Affairs
Robert Kyr, Music, Senate President
Randy Sullivan, Chemistry, Senate Vice-President

In addition to these members, Dave Hubin, Senior Assistant to the President, attended the meetings.

The following topics were discussed by the FAC during the year:

- The UO's Academic Plan
- Drafting the UO's Mission Statement
- Strategic Planning Goals
- Establishment of task forces for strategic planning
- Establishing a process for the FAC to nominate UO faculty and staff for university service appointments
- Revision of possibly obsolete OARs that require nominations come from the FAC
- The university's budget planning process and the budget model, during a meeting with Brad Shelton
- Operation of the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee (IAC), the Presidential Advisory Group on Intercollegiate Athletics (PAGIA), and the possible interplay and exchanges between these two committee
- Recommendations of the Senate taskforce on sexual violence
- Senate resolution passed on April 23, 2014, requiring all meetings of university standing committees (FAC included) be open to the public. One open meeting was held, in which university faculty and staff were invited to present arguments on whether FAC meetings should be open or not. To date FAC meetings remain closed to the public, pending final recommendations and resolution, anticipated in Fall 2015.
- University fundraising - developing priorities for gifts, naming considerations, strategies for broadening the donor base to enable growth in academic areas, and interactions with potential donors. Vice President for Advancement Mike Andreasen was present at his meeting.
- The GTFF strike, in a special meeting with Sue Eveland and Jim Brooks from the Office of Enrollment Management, and Ian McNeely (CAS).
- The role of the Senate and the UO Board of Trustees in developing and revising university policies.

- Matters related to university governance and shared governance, in particular as reflected in communications between UO Faculty and Administration.
- Potentially evolving the role of the FAC, to also act as a facilitator for communications between various groups or committees on campus, including university administrators.
- UO presence in Portland
- Recommendations of the Sexual Assault Taskforce
- Participation in sexual assault surveys. Two possible surveys were discussed; the first was an internal survey administered by Prof. Freyd. The second survey was offered at-cost by the AAU.
- Meetings were held with Board Secretary Angela Wilhelms, as well as Connie Ballmer (Chair of the Presidential Search Committee) and representatives from the search firm, to discuss the presidential search and future presidential transition.
- Relations between Athletics and Academics. Lorraine Davis attended one of the meetings, informing the FAC in great detail of academic requirements for student athletes.
- The level of staffing in HR necessary to accomplish OA policy changes
- Cooperation among in-state public institutions on academic matters
- The role of the General Counsel, in particular: clarifying who are the General Counsel's clients, whether faculty and staff may receive advice from the General Counsel, and the obligations of faculty and staff to the General Counsel.
- The university's response to the sexual assault lawsuit
- The FAC also held two meetings with incoming President Michael Schill.