University Faculty Council Minutes

**Date:** October 3, 2017, 1st meeting of academic year

**Place:** TAC Board Room

**Time:** 11:30 -12 for lunch, 12 to 2:00 for meeting

**Member Attendees:**

Administration:

President: **Andy Benton**

Provost **Rick Marrs**

Vice Provost **Lee Kats**

Seaver College:

**Tom Vandergon (Chair)**

**Maire Mullins**

**Lincoln Hanks**

GSBM:

**Andreas Simon**

**David Ralph**

**Larry Bumgardner**

GSEP:

**Barbara Ingram**

**Paul Sparks**

Law:

**Babette Boliek**

**David Han**

Public Policy:

**Ted McAllister**

**Members not attending:** 4th member from Seaver (Cooker Storm) is on maternity leave.

1. Tom (chair) invited us to go around the circle and introduce ourselves.
2. Tom explained the purpose of UFC including connection among schools and discussion of issues.
3. Elections of officers: A quorum being present, the following officers were elected unanimously.
   1. Chair: Maire
   2. Vice-Chair: Tom
   3. Recording Secretary: Barbara

**Note: Charter says that vice-chair and chair must be from different schools so we need to elect a different Veep.**

1. Discussion of whether we want to schedule all UFC meetings in Malibu, instead of alternating between WLA and Malibu. The April 11 meeting at WLA had very low attendance. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to hold 2017-2018 meetings at Malibu. **Action:** We agreed that we could set up a call-in method of participating if the chair is notified a couple of days ahead of time. Tom and Maire will make arrangements with Lindsay to change the location of future meetings.
2. The minutes for April 11, 2017 meeting were approved, pending spelling corrections.
3. Liaisons to University Committees: Attendance is not required but the liaison has responsibility for finding out what is happening and to report back to UFC. If you serve on the committee, you are the liaison.
   1. Advancement of Student Learning Council -- Andreas
   2. University Diversity Council -- Paul
   3. University Management Committee -- Tom
   4. University Planning Committee -- Barbara
   5. University Academic Council -- Ted
   6. University Tenure Committee -- Larry or his replacement
   7. University Athletics Committee – David
4. Update on University Faculty Conference:
   1. Tom gave background. For several years, UFC has talked about this question: *what should Pepperdine look like as a premier Christian university in the landscape of universities, and what does it mean to be a faculty member at such a university?* We talked about how to get faculty engaged in this discussion, as part of a broader discussion of the future of the university. Last April, UFC agreed to have a task force to frame topics of faculty development. The members were Ron Cox, Ted, Cooker, and Tom. They created the plan for the annual Faculty Conference coming up on October 6. They selected two readings and planned breakout sessions. Ted elaborated on the goal of finding a common vocabulary that allows us to talk about disagreements and to get deeper in exploring important issues. Tom explained the goal of forming a committed Faculty Development group whose task would be to define what it means to be a faculty member at Pepperdine University. He explained the choice of articles as based on their being brief and thought-provoking.
   2. Maire proposed that 1940 AAUP document on academic freedom be distributed for the conference. The motion passed unanimously.
   3. Rick suggested that it be sent from the UFC rather than from Provost office.
   4. **Action:** Have UFC send additional reading to faculty.
5. Tom gave background on the recommendation to the Provost to change charter for University Planning Committee to add faculty representation from all five schools (Below). Discussion on how to proceed. Call for special meeting.

**“The University Faculty Council recommends that the University Planning Committee (UPC) change their charter to allow the faculty at each school at Pepperdine University to select a representative to serve on the UPC, so that all five schools have the opportunity to have a faculty- selected representative on the UPC each year. “**

* 1. Tom took responsibility for not having written an adequate proposal – there was inadequate rationale. He stated that we need to rewrite the request.
  2. Barbara spoke about feelings that Provost did not show support for the spirit of “sharing governance.”
  3. Rick explained the private responses he got from UPC members. They said there was no rationale for making change. He spoke about negative reactions when one council wants to tell another council what its representation should be like.

* 1. Babette pointed out that this group need not be bound by past decisions. Law school dean is very communicative and she expressed view that their faculty doesn’t mind not having a representative.
  2. Lee suggested that maybe four faculty members is enough.
  3. A motion was made to table this to the next meeting.

1. HERI Survey Data: Faculty from one school wanted to see data from survey from last September, regarding faculty evaluation. OIE is working on making the data available.
2. Provost Marrs update on Budget Documents for Faculty: The provost will offer Town Hall meetings in Malibu and West LA regarding the budget, where faculty from different schools will be together at same meetings. There will be power point presentation on topic that faculty are most interested in. This will be turned into pdf and made available.
3. Ted and Tom encouraged members of a school that is dissatisfied with their relationship with their Dean to bring the matter to the UFC if they want.
4. We adjourned at 2 pm.