Faculty Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 10

12:45 – 2:00, Online Only

Agenda

Zoom Meeting Link:
https://uncsa.zoom.us/j/98280188704?pwd=CMVb79iir1SlIDFrKab3qRCTl39bDr.1

1. Call to order
2. Approval of minutes from 11/20
3. Accreditation Affirmation Update (Elizabeth Davis & Sarah Iler)
4. Chair Report
   a. (For information): CSI discussions progress & timeline
      i. "Big Ideas" list compiled from prior committees: final vetting now, available to faculty no later than January 15 (hopefully earlier)
      ii. December 11: meeting with Deans et. al. to finalize the process and timeline
      iii. Early January: continued discussion during Deans' Retreat
      iv. Jan 15: Town Hall 4 (presenting/discussing the Big Ideas)
      v. Jan 31: Town Hall 5 (gathering new ideas)
      vi. Feb 11: Collaborative Day (university-wide discussion)
         1. Hopefully a fleshed-out proposal
         2. At minimum, a well-developed list of ideas
      vii. Ultimate Target: culmination of CSI process in fall of 2026
         1. Process from Feb '25 to Aug '26 needs to be defined
   b. (For information): Report to Board of Trustees
      i. See separate email (sent Sunday) for details
      ii. Overlaps with CSI, but also advances other items that need solutions
   c. (For information): Searches task force timeline & process
      i. **Action Item:** verify searches and committee membership in each school (by separate email)
   d. (For information): Weather-related hazard communication
      i. I have initiated a conversation with the Provost Office and Campus Police; both have expressed a willingness to examine our current processes and policies, and to make changes as deemed necessary.
      ii. I will move this forward before the start of the spring semester.
5. Old Business
   a. (For vote & further action) Faculty Endowed Scholarship:
      i. **Motion:** *to authorize Advancement to change the governing language for the Faculty Endowed Scholarship to reflect the following improvements:*

1. *Eliminate the scholarship rotation by calculating award availability based on MARKET VALUE rather than HISTORICAL VALUE, allowing for the distribution of 5 scholarships rather than 3.*
2. *Remove the $1000 cap for awards and allow the award amount to grow as the scholarship fund grows (currently roughly $1300 per award for 5 awards).*
3. *Clarify that the scholarship can be awarded to any graduate or undergraduate student who has either 1 or 2 years of study remaining. When awarded to a student with 2 years remaining, the faculty of the awarding school is committing to continue the award to the same student the following year.*

    ii. **Action Item:** send names of recently retired faculty (by separate email)

  b. (For information) Ombuds Committee

    i. Restarting committee, policy questions

      1. We have our two reps; Staff Council is finalizing theirs
      2. Paul has agreed to chair the committee once fully constituted
      3. 6 other faculty members have agreed to form a task force to support Paul and Jared with lobbying and help writing policy recommendations
      4. Spring goals: reconvene committee, hear year-end report from Ombuds, and determine the work for next school year

  c. (For information/discussion): Shared governance summit follow-up

    i. December 10, 4:00 – 6:00, followed by faculty/staff social
    ii. We will analyze some of the case studies from the list we developed in August
    iii. Goal: develop a set of UNCSA-specific principles representing best practices in shared governance

6. Standing Committee Reports
  a. Campus Development Committee – Michael Dodds
  b. Educational Policies Committee – Janine Hawley, Joe Lopina
  c. Faculty Development Committee – Rosemary Millar
  d. Faculty Rank Committee – Steve LaCosse, Bill Volz
  e. Faculty Welfare Committee – Anson Koch-Rein
  f. Course Evaluation Committee – Bill Volz

7. Faculty Assembly Report: Cliff Odle
8. Provost's Report
9. Chancellor's Report
10. Adjourn