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TO: Faculty, Staff and Academic Administrators
FROM: Jessica L. Holt
Manager of Faculty Affairs
RE: December 13, 2016 Faculty Meeting Minutes

Approval of the Agenda

Professor Pierce called the meeting to order on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 12:36 p.m. in the Kanbar Performance Space. The agenda was approved.

Each meeting is recorded and posted on the Provost's website [<https://www.philau.edu/provost/meetings/>] for any faculty not able to attend.

Approval of the Minutes of the November 15, 2016 Full Faculty Meeting

Professor Pierce presented the minutes, which were acknowledged and submitted.

Report of the President

Dr. S. Spinelli

Dr. Spinelli discussed the continuing efforts by the University in regards to the post-election events. The election proved to be a marker that there are issues that need to be addressed and the University is committed to continuing discussion and events. Of note, he is highly encouraged by the community which is centered around Nexus Learning. Dr. Spinelli admitted that mistakes were made, however a result, the University is committed to reporting out significant incidents within 48 hours.

A discussion then ensued surrounding the role of Liberal Arts in the discussion. Dr. Spinelli believes that Nexus Learning is still the underpinning, with Liberal Arts playing a heavily weighted role in this situation.

Faculty Voices

Dr. Kimmelman reported that the current reading group selection, 'Raising Race Questions: Whiteness & Inquiry in Education' by Ali Michael, has been very helpful and topical considering current events. The book addresses concerns of Caucasian educators teaching minority students. As a result of the positive feedback on this book, the reading group will be offering this book again during the spring 2017 semester. In addition, the current reading group has decided to continue to meet to discuss issues and how they can apply what they learned.

Report of the Provost/ Dean of the Faculty

M. Baker

Dr. Baker began by wishing everyone a happy holiday season and expressing thanks for the work done this past year. He noted that during this time he tends to reflect on the accomplishments of faculty. During the fall 2016 semester, he reviewed 25 candidates for reappointment and was amazed at the amount of activity, papers, grants, collections, teaching and practice work that the faculty does.

He then acknowledged the following recipients of various University grants and course releases:

Name	College	Grant/ Course Release
David Rogers	CSHLA	CIEE Faculty Development Seminar - "Grow Abroad" Seminar
Richard Hass	CSHLA	Faculty , Research, Practice, Scholarship Grant
David Loranger	DEC	Faculty , Research, Practice, Scholarship Grant
Cathy Rusinko	DEC	Faculty , Research, Practice, Scholarship Grant
Raju Parakkal	CSHLA	Faculty , Research, Practice, Scholarship Grant
Stacey Van Dahm	CSHLA	Faculty , Research, Practice, Scholarship Grant

As a reminder, the due date for the Nexus Grant and Nexus Online Grant is due February 3, 2017.

Reports of the Standing Committees

None at this time.

Special Reports

A Walk through PhilaU

N. Sampat & I. Siravo

Students from SGA and HSA referred the attendees to the presentation materials provided prior to the meeting. The students reviewed the concept, purpose, timeline, and goals for this event. There is no deadline for submissions as this time. A suggestion was made for the organizers to also include alumni in this event. It was noted that the organizers are working with course coordinators and the Honors Program. Lastly, the organizers expressed their thanks to Professor David Rogers for providing this idea to the SGA and HAS.

Website Construction

P. Baldrige & J. Cepull

Jeff Cepull provided follow-up information regarding Faculty Websites, which occurred at the November faculty meeting. The Faculty Websites will be moving to a new WordPress server, as the old server is no longer supported. This move will not impact Blackboard or the individual college webpages, only personal webpages. Training will be offered through OIR and CTiNL for anyone who is interested in creating or updating their pages, however, it is up to the individual to maintain these pages. It was also noted that webpages are available to adjunct faculty.

Year-End Activities and Dates

B. Shepard-Rabadam

Beth Shepard-Rabadam directed attendees to the presentation materials provided prior to the meeting and reviewed the current schedule of spring 2017 events. Details regarding Commencement has already been sent to students and parents.

Beth also introduced Allison Walker, Coordinator of Academic Events, to the attendees. Ms. Walker has 20 years of marketing experience and participated in planning the Philadelphia ALS Walk and Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day Parade among others. She is currently Part-Time and will be working out of the Provost's Office.

Unfinished Business

Collecting Ideas to Help the Parking Situation

J. Pierce

John Pierce directed attendees to the presentation materials provided prior to the meeting regarding parking on campus. A parking consultant will be utilized starting in February 2017 to

assess the current situation and needs for parking on campus. He reviewed the various suggestions and encouraged any additional suggestions to be sent to his attention.

New Business

None at this time

Announcements

University Faculty Meeting Dates, spring 2017

J. Pierce

John Pierce directed attendees to the presentation materials provided prior to the meeting regarding the faculty meeting schedule for spring 2017. With the exception of the May meeting, which has been adjusted due to the academic calendar and Commencement, all meetings will continue to be held on the third Tuesday of the month.

Adjourned at 1:42 p.m.