Faculty Senate/All University Committee Report (2010-11)

Committee: Planning  Prepared By: Jeff Tilman  Date: January 18, 2013

Faculty Members at the Meeting: Kevin Grace, Rose Smith, Jeff Tilman, Rina Williams

Topics Discussed:

The committee meeting began at 10:30am.

The first item on the agenda was the possibility of incorporating a Fall Break into the Fall Semester academic calendar. Committee members were given a copy of the current calendar and a survey of comparable universities' calendars. The consensus of the committee was that UC can institute a two-day Fall Break and still meet the OBR expectations as to instructional minutes per credit hour. The committee preferred a two-day break in week seven or eight of the Fall Term. Later consultations with the Registrar and with the University Calendar Committee has refined the Planning Committee’s suggestion to the Monday and Tuesday of week seven, which will usually align with the Columbus Day federal holiday. A resolution from the Committee is provided below.

The Committee then considered creating guidelines for a set of dinners that President Ono intends to invite faculty to next year. The Planning Committee proposes six themed events with twelve faculty present, President Ono, and his personal guest. Faculty Senate would solicit interest in each theme night from among the faculty, and make the final selection as to the participants, based on campus and college representation, diversity factors, and general interest.

The Committee then heard a report from the Chair of the latest Capital Advisory Committee, which included an update on the status of several capital improvement projects, including the rehabilitation of Dyer Hall.

The Meeting adjourned at 11:55am.

Action Items:
List item and attach supporting document if action requires such background

See attached “Joint Resolution of the Faculty Senate, the Undergraduate Student Senate and the Graduate Student Governance Association Regarding a Fall Break.”

Describe action needed on items above (discussion and input, vote, etc):

Vote on Joint Resolution on Fall Break at Joint Meeting on February 14, 2013.
Discuss Recommendations on Presidential Dinners at Cabinet.

By Whom:
X By Faculty Senate
X By Cabinet
___ Others (List-)