



Villanova University Faculty Congress
Academic Year 2018-2019

FACULTY CONGRESS MEETING
March 18, 2019

Present: Aronté Bennett, Joseph Betz, Sherry Burrell, Sohail Chaudry, Alice Dailey, Scott Dressler, Travis Foster, Stacy Havlik, Marylu Hill, Tim Horner, Jacky Huang, Jeremy Kees, Stephanie Katz, Christopher Kilby, Rory Kramer, Eric Lomazoff, Calvin Li, Margaret (Peggy) Lyons, Joseph Micucci, Michele Pistone, James Peyton-Jones, Javad Salvatore Poeta, Michael Posner Siah, John Paul Spiro, Paul Steege, Ani Ural, Tom Way, Mark Wilson, Tina Yang

Absent: Tina Augustiady (NIA), Sarah Vaughan Brakman (NIA), Angela DiBenedetto (NIA), Melissa Hodges (NIA) Erasmus Kersting (NIA), Stephen Napier (NIA), Elizabeth Petit de Mangé (NIA), Jennifer Ross (NIA), Andrew Scott (NIA), Edward Wahesh (NIA)

The meeting commenced at 3:00 p.m. in Mendel 103.

Housekeeping

1. Minutes from the January 30, 2019 were reviewed. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Standing Committee Reports *(reports submitted in advance; please see appendix; this time set aside for elevated issues and/or questions)*

1. **CNT/FTNTT** representative, Mark Wilson, reported that some from mathematics have asked the University to revisit whether CNT/FTNTT faculty can participate in votes for department chairs.
2. **Awards Committee** chair, Tom Way, walked members through the different awards annually given to faculty members and administered by Faculty Congress. There was some conversation about expanding and clarifying criteria for some awards' eligibility. We reviewed the Awards Committee's recommendations and rationales. The Committee announced that it would begin a new practice of notifying all people nominated for awards. Faculty Congress voted unanimously to approve the Awards Committee's recommendations.
3. **Research Policy Committee** chair, James Peyton Jones, reported that the committee has drafted a "Mission and Protocol" statement establishing its policies and purview. There was discussion about why the Law School isn't included in the membership distribution, and James reported that he was unable to find a law school faculty member willing to join the committee, but that the "at large" positions are available for members from the Law School. There was also some discussion about how the committee's future membership will be decided (e.g. election, Faculty Congress Executive Committee appointment, or some other method), and it was decided that the protocol and Faculty Congress bylaws will be revised once those procedures have been specified. Some members also encouraged RPC to communicate with faculty when new research policies are being proposed, discussed, and passed. References in the protocol to CON (College of Nursing) were updated to FCN (Fitzpatrick College of Nursing). Faculty Congress decided to defer voting on the new "Mission and Protocol" document until the following meeting.

4. **Faculty Rights & Responsibilities Committee** chair, Alice Dailey, reported that the committee will continue working on study abroad compensation, changes to rank and tenure policies, and voting rights for CNT faculty.
5. **Retired faculty members** representative, Joe Betz, reported that the Quarterly Club is actively meeting and that Theology professor Massimo Faggioli will be speaking at the next meeting on the clerical sexual abuse crisis.

Committees with Faculty Representation (*time set aside for questions about reports received*)

1. **Academic Policy Committee** chair, Christopher Kilby, Stephanie Katz reported that a Subcommittee on Add/Drop is considering a new “course preview policy” that would allow students to audit a course for the first two weeks that they could then use to decide about whether they would enroll in the future. There was some discussion about negative and perhaps unintended effects of the early registration for athletes, particularly about how it can result in classes being filled with primarily athletes.

Old Business

1. Faculty Congress chair, Tom Way, reported that the **Ombudsperson Hiring Committee** will shortly be sending videos with the finalist interviews and feedback to all faculty members in order to receive feedback.
2. Christopher Kirby and James Peyton-Jones reported that during the Faculty Congress Executive Committee’s dinner meeting with Fr. Peter. The most noteworthy new piece of information to emerge is that Fr. Peter will welcome proposals about teaching and research innovations related to sustainability.

New Business

1. Tom Way reported that Faculty Congress has been asked to appoint two faculty members to the **University Shop Proposal** working group looking into whether students should receive their textbooks as part of tuition. Faculty Congress voted unanimously (with one abstention) to recommend to the Administration that the working group report to APC before making any final decisions.