

Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC)

September 7, 2016

began at 4:40 PM and adjourned at 5:25 PM; met in 502 RASM
notes by Sine Anahita

New business

- Policies across campuses: Chris Fallon asked the FAC to consider aligning policies across campuses. An example was given of students not getting summa cum laude awards; it was noted that this is not appropriate for FAC, but perhaps could be mentioned to SADA
- Faculty as mandatory reporters: Sine suggested that FAC discuss the problem of making faculty mandatory reporters for Title IX in the absence of governance input. Faculty were made into mandatory reporters in our individual contracts January 2016, but governance or unions were not involved. Many problems with this. Andy asked Sine to prepare a summary of the issues for next meeting.
- Adjunct faculty: Sine suggested that FAC discuss the multiple issues surrounding adjunct faculty with an eye towards improving the quality of worklife. Jeff B noted that Kate Quick had asked a question of the Provost about adjunct faculty at the Chancellor's Forum in early September. Debu said that there is the possibility that long-term adjunct faculty could serve on Faculty Senate, that the Provost has agreed to this. The issue is now in Orion's queue to open opportunities for someone to run. Andy asked Sine to make recommendations for future discussions.
- Process by which issues come to FAC and to Faculty Senate: Jeff M inquired about the process by which issues are taken up by FAC and/or Faculty Senate. Lively discussion ensued about how this may be accomplished. Consensus emerged to request that Orion send an email to faculty announcing the Faculty Senate meetings, introducing faculty senators along with