Faculty Welfare Committee

Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2013
12:15pm, Marino conference room, Cato Center for the Arts

Follow-up meeting with Provost George Hynd to discuss faculty morale recommendations

1) Online course evaluations
   a. Mobile app will be available this semester.
   b. Agreed to extend student time to complete evaluations into finals week this semester.
   c. Academic Affairs declined to implement an “opt-out” system at this time, despite FWC’s strong recommendation.
   d. Academic Affairs/Institutional Research/IT will report standard deviations or standard errors along with means and medians in reports, but due to other priorities won’t get this done this semester.

2) Timing of FAM changes
   a. It was noted that the Faculty By-Laws committee doesn’t meet during the summer, and that August 15 is always the goal. FWC recommended considering ways to accelerate or streamline the process to ensure that an August 15 deadline can be met.
   b. FWC will follow up with Deanna Caveny-Noecker about the process and timeline for changes to the FAM.

3) Chair/dean evaluations
   a. Academic Affairs wants to partner with FWC to put together neutrally-worded questions for faculty evaluation of deans.
   b. FWC pushed to do dean evaluations this semester, since they haven’t been done since ~2007.
   c. FWC will meet with Bev Diamond to discuss how to jointly implement dean evaluations this spring.

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