Members Present: Sheryl Dettmann, Betsey Pitts, Nancy Blake, Stacey Scott, Carolyn Plumb, Matt Rognlie, John Usher for Julie Tatarka

Members Absent: Jeff Butler, Patty Inskeep, Nancy Filbin

Announcements

- Chair Dettmann reminded all PC members that if they are not able to attend regularly scheduled meetings to please send replacements.
- The “Call for Nominations” has gone out and will expire on April 15.
- Summer meetings will take place every third Wednesday of the month: June 17, July 15, August 19, 1:30 – 2:30 PM.
- Originating from the VP of Research’s office, there are discussions about applying to the NIH for $7.5M in stimulus money. It would be used to make the temporary chemistry labs permanent since space is limited on campus for research. The buildings would be retro fitted for an interdisciplinary program between chemistry and biology, involving biomedical and behavior research activities. ASMSU proposed a resolution against the proposal, as the space the buildings occupy was supposed to be converted back to “green space” and making them permanent is not compliant with the Long Range Plan. Staff Senate has written literature opposing the project. Who will pay the O&M is still questionable. UFPB will meet to discuss this issue again on April 14, 2009.
  o PC members will ask UFPB rep, Brad Garnick, more detail about the project before polling professionals for input.
- Sheila Stearns will meet on Monday, April 13, 2009 to discuss the composition of the presidential search committee.
  o PC would like to highlight what PC’s main function is, and that it provides a medium through which all professionals may make their voice heard. PC would also like to impart that the continuation of shared governance be a philosophy shared by prospective presidential candidates, as well as the ability to communicate important issues (transparency), on a timely basis, to all constituents across campus.
  o Professional Council appreciates Commissioner Stearns’ integrity and the job she has done as the COHE.

Changes to PC Bylaws & Constitution to Incorporate ASGL Language

- There was a motion to make the change the Professional Council Bylaws to reflect the addition of new ASGL language. seconded all in favor unanimously voted to change the language. ASGL language will be placed in the Professional Council Bylaws; Article Three; Section Two; C.
- Faculty Senate needs to decide the fate of University Governance Council before ASGL language may be incorporated into the Professional Council Constitution.

Update on Departmental Outreach Meetings

- Email has gone out for departmental focus groups, and PC members will be visiting Engineering, Physics and BTC next week.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM, as there was no other business.

Signature
Sheryl Dettmann, Chair

Signature
Gale Gough, Secretary