Villanova University Faculty Congress

Academic Year 2011-2012

REORGANIZATION FOR 2012-2014 CONGRESS

Meeting of May 4, 2012

**Present**: Mary Ann Cantrell, Linda Copel, Joseph Dellapenna, Mark Doorley, Rick Eckstein, Edwin Goff, Judith Hadley, Paul Hanouna, Eric Karson, Sandy Kearney, Christopher Kilby, Edward Kresch, Sarvesh Kulkarni, Chad Leahy, Michael Levitan, Mary Ann Lieb, Wenhong Luo, Salvatore Poeta, Paul Reagan, Bernard Reilly, Louise Russo, Sridhar Santhanam, Donna Shai, Nancy Sharts-Hopko, Robert Styer, Mark Sullivan, Randy Weinstein, Kelly Welch, Seth Whidden (Vice Chair).

**Absent NIA**: Wayne Bremser, Lillian Cassel, Sohail Chaudhry, Julie Klein, Susan Mackey-Kallis, Victoria McWilliams (Chair), Barbara Ott, Paul Pasles, Gaynor Strickler, Fayette Veverka, Catherine Warrick, Thomas Way, Joyce Willens.

1. Welcome by the Vice Chair, and conveyance of best wishes from the Chair, who was unable to attend.
2. Presentation and introduction of representatives comprising 2012-2014 Faculty Congress Membership.
3. Summary reaffirmation of importance in shared university governance, with particular reference to rights and responsibilities of representation in faculty governance.
4. 2012-2013 Faculty Congress elections:
* Secretary: Edwin Goff was nominated, seconded, and elected to the position unanimously;
* Treasurer: Edward Kresch was nominated, seconded, and elected to the position unanimously;
* Faculty Congress Executive Committee (FCEC), At-Large Seat: Rick Eckstein was nominated, seconded, and elected to the position unanimously.
1. Congressman Edward Kresch spoke to the need to change the wording within the FC Constitution regarding a committee that recently underwent a formal change of name.
* Dr. Kresch noted the lack of a quorum required for a vote; a brief discussion ensued on the constitution’s express stipulation that formal approval by the plenary membership encompasses non-substantive, as well as substantive constitutional changes. The Faculty Congress will take up the matter again early in the fall for formal action.
1. The respective members of the Academic Policy Committee (APC) and members of the Committee on Faculty (COF) retired to separate venues to elect officers for the two standing committees of Faculty Congress.
* **APC CHAIRPERSON:** Susan Mackey-Kallis was nominated, seconded, and elected to the position unanimously. Dr. Mackey-Kallis will convene the first Senate APC meeting (faculty *and* administrative officers), Fall 2012; the Motion to confirm the Election of Dr. Mackey-Kallis by the full Senate APC membership will be the first substantive item on the agenda.
* **APC Consensus Motion**: The members of the Academic Policy Committee commend **Congresswoman Louise Russo** for her leadership, organizational skills, and whole-hearted service as Chairperson of the Academic Policy Committee, Academic Year 2011-2012. The Motion carried unanimously.
* **COF OFFICERS:**

CHAIRPERSON: Julie Klein was nominated, seconded, and elected to the position unanimously.

SECRETARY: Eric Karson was nominated, seconded, and elected to the position unanimously.

* AWARDS SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER: Mark Sullivan was nominated, seconded, and elected to the position unanimously.
1. **Meeting Schedules, Fall 2012:**

***N.B.:*** *Members are invited to have lunch in the Faculty Dining Room from 12:30-1:30; meetings will convene at 1:30 PM and conclude at 3:00 PM. Meetings are scheduled for Dougherty Hall when the West Lounge is available; as noted below, the Devon Room (Connelly Center) will be the alternate venue.*

* **Faculty Congress Executive Committee (FCEC):** Wednesday 5 September (Devon Room); Thursday 4 October (West Lounge); Tuesday 6 November (Devon Room)
* **Faculty Congress Plenary (FCP):** Wednesday 12 September (Devon Room); Thursday 11 October (West Lounge); Tuesday 13 November (West Lounge)

A lively discussion ensued regarding the competing claims among differently circumstanced members of Faculty Congress. Family and professional duties militate against a number of colleagues attending the 1:30-3:00 schedule altogether, or without considerable sacrifice; a number of other colleagues find similar conflicts at other proposed times and/or days.

All agreed that the realities of multiple constraints are important considerations, and addressing optimal alternatives will be among the earliest agenda items in the fall.

1. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

 

Edwin L. Goff, Secretary