Minutes of the USAO Faculty Association
Tuesday, March 5, 2013

Signed in as present:


I. Call to Order by President, K. Crow, at 11:10 am.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the 2/05/13 regular meeting of the USAO Faculty Association were delivered electronically by W. Ferrell on 3/01/13. Motion to approve the February 2013 minutes was made by N. Osborn, seconded by Z. Simpson, and passed unanimously.

III. Treasurer’s Report

D. Hanson announced a balance of $947.57.

IV. Comprehensive Fundraising Campaign

M. Nealeigh discussed the comprehensive fundraising campaign. He shared with the group that with the assistance of Cargill & Associates, the have developed a plan to raise 4.85 million dollars for scholarships, renovations of the science building, addition to the library, and improvements for the comprehensive grounds plan. The campaign will focus on raising the money with five different constituencies: boards, faculty & staff, alumni, friends, and the foundation corporation. Nealeigh encouraged faculty to give as much money to the campaign as possible.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Tenure & Promotion Committee—No business to report
B. IDS Committee—Q. Tran briefly discussed the liberal arts minor proposed curriculum change. J. Long sent the proposed curriculum change to faculty. After discussion among the group, J. Loutsch made a motion to forward the proposed curriculum change to the university IDS committee for their approval; Z. Simpson seconded the motion and a vote was taken—31 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions.
C. Resource Committee—No business to report
D. Curriculum Committee—K. Davis discussed the two proposals for consideration. The first curriculum change was from the Arts & Humanities Division. The Music Department proposed that the Vocal Diction and Pedagogy Class, MUSC 3513 be approved to split into two separate classes of Vocal Pedagogy and Vocal Diction.
After discussion among the group, N. Osborn made a motion to accept the curriculum change; S. Rees seconded the motion. Vote: 31 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

The second proposed curriculum change was from the IDS Division. After further discussion, N. Osborn made a motion to accept the curriculum change, J. Loutsch seconded the motion. Vote: 30 Yes, 1 No, 0 Abstentions.

E. Faculty Welcoming Committee—J.C. Sanders reported the committee would be meeting at lunch today. The lunch is designed for all new faculty who have been employed at USAO two years or less. He also invited anyone else to join the group who would like to attend the lunch meeting.

F. Faculty Handbook Committee—No business to report

G. Ad Hoc Faculty Concerns Committee—No business to report

H. Officer Nomination Committee—L. McElroy reported the committee had two names to bring before the group. J.C. Sanders had agreed to be considered for the secretary position. B. Brown agreed to be considered for the V-President position. The vote will be taken at the April meeting.

I. Ad Hoc Student Evaluation Committee—J.C. Sanders informed the group that the committee is currently working on the student evaluation instrument. He encouraged all faculty to share any ideas or evaluation instruments with the committee.

V. New Business

a. Festival of Arts & Ideas—S. Weber shared with the group that the Festival of Arts and Ideas has moved to March 11-13. He explained the functions of the committee and shared some future goals the committee had developed. The committee has decided to have the festival in the spring every year. This will allow the committee to take proposals for presentations from both faculty and students in the fall. Additionally, students will be able to enroll in the Arts & Ideas Course that will be offered in the fall trimester.

VI. Announcements

- At the April meeting, we will discuss if the Faculty Association should meet in the summer.
- Emerson-Wier is Thursday, March 7.
- Hypatia is scheduled for April 11.
- Spring Recital is March 27 and 28. It is free to faculty, staff, and students.
- The Scholastic Meet is scheduled for April 4.
- The Gifted and Talented Camp that is scheduled for this summer is being finalized.

VI. Motion to adjourn by Z. Simpson; second, J. Vaughn, 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendi Ferrell