



VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY FACULTY CONGRESS  
Academic Year 2015-2016

FACULTY CONGRESS MEETING  
February 4, 2016

**Present:** Joseph Betz, Jerusha Conner, Rick Eckstein, Diane Ellis, Ruth Gordon, Jeremy Kees, Michael Levitan, Wenhong Luo, Mike McGoldrick, Joseph Micucci, Louise Russo, Katina Sawyer, Nancy Sharts-Hopko, Seth Whidden

**Absent:** Wayne Bremser (NIA), Lillian Cassel, Linda Copel, Suzanne Clain (NIA), Alice Dailey (NIA), Mark Doorley (NIA), Frank Falcone, David Fiorenza (NIA), Judith Hadley (on sabbatical), Paul Hanouna, Julie Klein, Edward Kresch (NIA), Kenneth Koos, Sarvesh Kulkarni (NIA), Mi Luo, Susan Mackey-Kallis (on leave), John Olson (NIA), Robert O'Neill (NIA), Paul Pasles (NIA), Salvatore Poeta (NIA), Lisa Sewell (NIA), Kelly Welch (on sabbatical), Catherine Warrick (NIA), Thomas Way (NIA), Joyce Willens, Miron Wolnicki

**Other Guests:** *Emily Irving and Kim Reilly (University Staff Council)*

The meeting convened at 11:30AM in the Idea Accelerator, Falvey Library.

### Housekeeping

1. II Luscri, Executive Director of the Innovation, Creativity, and Entrepreneurship Institute welcomed us to the Idea Accelerator and described the functionality of the space.
2. Minutes from the November 19, 2015 meeting were approved, with one correction.

### REPORTS:

1. Adjunct Faculty: In the process of collecting information about benefits to share with Adjunct Faculty. (Joe Micucci & Mike McGoldrick)
2. Awards Committee: A selection has been made for the Gallen Award. A discussion ensued about the membership of the selection committee and whether it should be limited to faculty who do not hold offices beyond that of department chair. A motion was put forward that future committee members not hold positions beyond department chair. The motion passed unanimously. It was suggested that the Congress leadership approach the Provost and Fr. Peter about adding additional service awards, as had been done with the teaching awards. New service awards could be focused on junior faculty or for service to specific constituents (the local community, the profession.) This suggestion received support.
  - a. Nancy Sharts-Hopko reported on the committee's recommendation that the Congress issue a letter of commendation for a runner-up. The commendation was unanimously approved and a plan for dissemination developed. It is hoped that if more awards are put in place to recognize service, Faculty Congress will not need to issue commendations.

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3. Academic Policy Committee (Russo). The sub-committee working to move CATS online reported on its work with OPIR to ensure high response rates. The subcommittee will have a proposal for the APC in March. The subcommittee working on the Core Curriculum will have a proposal before the end of the year. It has been identifying learning goals that are appropriate across colleges, including CPS, and is now working to develop a structure. The subcommittee on adjunct faculty evaluation process has worked with OPIR to create a survey to department chairs and program directors to determine current practices and processes.
4. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee: No report.
5. CNT/FTNTTF Committee: No Report
6. Elections and Credentials: No Report, but Seth reminded everyone that elections will be held in a month or so for next two-year term, beginning in May. If you are interested in running again, please contact Bob Styer. Seth encouraged the recruitment of new members to the Congress as well.
7. Retired Faculty Committee: Joe Betz described what he learned at League of Women Voters event in Radnor focused on Villanova's transition to an armed and sworn police force. Chief Tedjeske described new standards for the training and selection of officers; armed police will wear body cameras. Seth mentioned Chief Tedjeske has been invited to come to the March meeting.

#### Ad-Hoc Committees

8. A letter from the chair was shared noting faculty who had worked on advocating for parental leave. Emily and Kim shared an update on staff parental leave.
9. Seth provided an update on the dissolution of the Senate and its potential replacement.
10. Financial support for professional development activities related to governance. Members are urged to take advantage of this resource.
11. The FC-CLAS task force (co-chairs: Alice Dailey, Amanda Grannas, Katina Sawyer, Kelly Welch) on teaching loads, research support, curricular demands and expectations has shared and discussed its report with the Dean of CLAS. Continued discussion is expected. Colleagues in other colleges are encouraged to pursue similar recommendations, as appropriate.
12. Jeremy Kees's selection as the FAR was consistent with the process that had been developed by the liaison to athletics. Rick Eckstein shared that priority enrollment for athletes is under consideration.
13. VSB Dean search update (Jeremy Kees): Report submitted in advance. The Provost has expressed concern that enabling faculty to elect representatives to serve on search committees can result in a lack of diverse faculty committee members.

#### **New Business**

1. University Research Travel Grant Program (working document circulated in advance). Please send comments and questions to Jerusha by Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>.
2. Creation of caucus of full professors. A formal motion was made to create a caucus of full professors. A brief discussion ensued. This motion will be revisited in the next meeting.

3. Institutional Review Board Committee (IRB) and Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). Frustration has been expressed with respect to the IRB. Colleagues concurred, saying that some faculty members prefer to bypass the IRB and (submit a grant without the IRB's involvement/knowledge], which is very dangerous and perhaps not even legal. Nancy Sharts-Hopko said that the ORA is working on new procedures and documentation and encouraged colleagues to be patient and civil while it's all being ironed out.
4. Measuring effective teaching: CATS and beyond (Louise Russo). Discussion about this issue was postponed until the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

Prepared by Jerusha Conner, Ph.D.

**Next Faculty Congress Meeting**

Fri. March 11, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (SAC room 300)