

UNI Fall Faculty Meeting Minutes, Sept 30, 2019

Comments

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University Faculty Senate Chair Jim Mattingly

Transcripts of comments made by Faculty Chair Barbara Cutter, Provost Jim Wohlpart, United Faculty President Becky Hawbaker and Senate Chair Jim Mattingly are attached. President Mark Nook's remarks were taken from his State of the University Address.

Changes to definitions of voting and non-voting faculty in the UNI Faculty Constitution

Senate Chair Mattingly provided a brief overview of the proposed change and the process the ad-hoc Faculty Voting rights committee used to come up with this proposal.

Proposed New Language for the UNI Faculty Constitution:

Article 1: Definition of the Faculty

1.1 The Voting Faculty. The voting faculty shall consist of all those who hold tenured, probationary, term or renewable term faculty appointments. It shall also include any other faculty with full-time contracts, plus any current temporary (adjunct) faculty members with a cumulative total of six or more semesters of service to the University at half-time or greater, out of the last eight semesters.

1.2 The Non-Voting Faculty. The non-voting faculty shall consist of those who hold all other faculty appointments, including emeritus faculty.

Vote:

There were 98 votes in the affirmative and 3 in the negative, so the motion passed with well more than the 2/3 majority needed.

This was well over the 15% quorum required (since there are 496 voting faculty, a quorum is 75 people).

Officially the change will go into effect in spring 2020 because official voting status is listed on the Faculty Roster, and the Fall 2019 Faculty Roster has already been finalized.

New Business:

Senate Chair Mattingly noted that Faculty Senate leadership is currently engaged in discussions about changing the current model of Senate representation. Any such changes would require a change in Article V sec. 3.1 of the Faculty Constitution, so there may be such a proposal coming forward before next year's Fall Faculty Meeting.