University Faculty Senate Outreach Committee

March 18, 2014

Minutes

Members Present: Blanco, Bridges, Calvin, Copeland, Gifford, Henry, Harrison, Lamont, Rybka, Seymour

Members Absent: Alter, Lengerich, Riggio, Sidhu, Weidemann (J. Conner attended the meeting in his absence).

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Seymour @ 8:40.

1 Minutes

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as written.

2 Engaged Scholarship report Update

Seymour updated the committee on the status of the Engaged Scholarship Advisory and Consultative report, to be presented to the Senate at the April plenary meeting. The nine points identified in the first draft will be reduced and summarized into five points by the chairs of the nine standing committees sponsoring the report. Seymour will share the final report to the Outreach committee by the end of the month.

3 Outreach Activities Across Penn State report

Seymour updated the committee on the status of the Outreach Activities Across Penn State report. The survey was sent to Dean Dewey for her to distribute to ALC. She provided feedback on two points: the definition of outreach activities and the point person for outreach in each unit. After group discussion, the subcommittee has been tasked with modifying the survey, then we will resubmit it to Dean Dewey. This priority item will not become an informational report for the Senate until Fall 2014 at the earliest.

4 MOOCs at Penn State: Lessoned Learned report

Seymour announced that the presentation and discussion was moved to the September meeting, because the April meeting is already full.

5 Program Development and Approval Process across the University for Online Delivery

Harrison gave an update to the committee. There is a need for a constituent process across the University for on-line delivery of courses and majors. The subcommittee met at the end of the committee meeting to continue to work on this priority item.
6 Outstanding Online Teaching and Learning

Seymour provided the committee with a copy of a report presented to the Penn State Online Steering Committee from a subcommittee investigating faculty development for online education. The Outreach committee discussed this report, which includes a list of resources for faculty, and recommendations for faculty support and development. The Outreach committee decided that there were valuable recommendations in this report, but that it deserved broader University Faculty Senate attention. The committee felt that the Faculty Affairs, LIST, and Undergraduate Education should all be asked to join Outreach in this discussion. Seymour agreed to approach the chairs of these committees to see if they were interested in joining Outreach in this endeavor.

7 Extension Update Report on Actions Related in Core Council Recommendations

Calvin provided the new Penn State Extension Strategic Plan that includes a section on actions taken to address the Core Council Recommendations and a two page summary of why Extension chose to stay in county offices versus the Core Council Recommendation to move to Campuses. After a discussion, the committee agreed that this was an important issue, and that an informational report updating the Senate on Extension should be given as a presentation at a plenary meeting. The committee hopes that this report will be placed on the September agenda. Seymour will work with Calvin to have the report ready for the September meeting.

8 Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Beth Seymour, Committee Chair