

FMAC Meeting Notes – 1/27/2017

Notes taken by Max Shulman

In attendance: Max Shulman, Carlos Duarte, Patty Witkowsky, Stephen Suh, Maria Sergia Steen, Christina Martinez, Kee Warner, Nick Martinez, Martin Garnar, Kimbra Smith, Jesse Perez, Anthony Cordova, Jeff Montez de Oca

I. Introductions

II. Review of minutes from 1/13/2017 and 11/18/2016 – Kee moved to approve; approved unanimously.

Discussion of Milo Yiannopoulos presence on campus yesterday. There had been a small protest, but his presence mostly came without incident.

III. Old Business

- Budget Update by Nick
 - o Thus far this year we have offered 5 small grants of \$200 each and a catering expenditure of \$738
 - o \$4673 is present budget

- Diversity summit announcement – March 6th
 - o There is need for volunteers and FMAC has been asked.
 - o Contact Alejandra in the diversity office to volunteer

- Chancellor search committee, we have elected Jeff as the FMAC representative
- New Provost, Tom Christensen is open to FMAC's involvement regarding campus diversity and policy.
- NB new No Recording policy for syllabi from AAUP. Advice regarding the applications of copyright law if lectures are recorded in the future.
- Peter Braza's idea of an LAS specific FMAC, but FMAC is presently LAS dominated at the moment. That idea has been put on backburner.
- "*Lemonade* Event" as part of the Just Talk Series moved to Fall waiting on rights for screening.

IV. New Business

- Kimbra introduces the larger topic of shaping and protecting campus climate regarding issues to inclusiveness and acceptance. "Planning for the unplannable" regarding what might happen in the coming year and beyond. Is there a need for standing sub-committees?
 - o Invitations to meeting at Stephany's church "A movement, not a moment"
- A. Jeff provides handout of Recommended Changes to Regent Laws from Michael Lightner, VP of Academic Affairs.
 - o Specifically Policy 4A.1: "Administration and Governance of Academic Units: The statement on faculty rights has been revised so that it now points to campus

policy. / The statement on the jurisdiction of faculty has been simplified to the point to Regent Law 5, which elaborates the role of the faculty in shared governance.”

- Roger’s email has sought AAUP lawyers regarding the voting rights of faculty and the striking of self-governance. Does it strike faculty rights? It trades the language that specifies the input of faculty on decisions with language that is far more ambiguous (i.e. “Campus policy” that is seemingly undefined). Question of this as a further shift of power and authority away from faculty and the further empowerment of management positions. Do we know what the “campus policy” actually is? As campus policy is easier to change than regent law, this puts the faculty at a disadvantage, especially at this time of drastic change in personnel for the university.
 - Steps have been taken regarding this concern. AAUP and faculty government will likely take the lead on this. How can FMAC contribute and ensure some action is taken? How might the faculty council president, faculty assembly, faculty council be involved?
 - **There is a proposal to request stay of any voting to give us time for review and suggestions.** At the moment, we don’t know the timeline for any proceedings. There is also a proposal to bring this to Tom Christensen and Terry Schwartz, seeking clarification to begin with. **This second proposal is agreed upon.**
- B. Re Extraordinary Meeting: Carlos Duarte’s idea of introducing standards of language to the Campus Community regarding diversity and inclusion. The aim to make conversation more feasible.
- How to standardize that language. More than Classroom Behavior Policies but perhaps in concert with them. Are there program or department standards?
 - Re Brad Bayer’s suggestion – there are student groups that might be interested in engaging in this. The other major opportunity is in the Gateway Program. How to create consistency? (Video? A standardized lecture/presentation?)
 - Can we engage the theatre and film departments?
 - **Proposal to create a subcommittee that includes students.**
 - **Call to list will go out – Max, Kimbra, Carlos have volunteered.**
 - Can we have a class on engagement with society through multimedia? WEST, Film, Theatre, Anthropology?
 - Proposal to consider funding some iteration of this idea with the money set aside for a significant event, as FMAC’s contribution to campus climate; **we will discuss at our next meeting after the subcommittee develops a more concrete proposal**

V. Announcements

- Queer Voices Speak Out, for the Just Talk Series

VI. Meeting adjourned at 11:18.