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Appointment of ad hoc committee to draft a new Student Rating of Instruction
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Motion:

Move that an ad hoc committee be appointed consisting of faculty with appropriate expertise to draft or recommend for purchase a new Student Rating of Instruction designed to measure teaching effectiveness.

Rationale:

A substantial percentage of the faculty participated in the Student Rating of Instruction Survey. Based on numerical scores and written comments, a significant majority of faculty believe the current SRI is a flawed instrument which does not measure teaching effectiveness. It could be argued that its use may be an impediment to academic excellence, since there is evidence that faculty members who award high grades for little effort are more likely to receive higher scores.

SEC Response:

5/23/2014: These were approved for the June 2014 meeting, but a quorum was not present, so they were held until the September 2014 meeting.
Senate Response:

Appointment of an Ad Hoc Committee to draft a new Student Rating of Instruction

Fred Smith (LIB) Chair, Faculty Welfare Committee: The first one (cannot hear or understand) appointment of an ad hoc committee to draft a new student rating of instruction. The motion reads “Move that an ad hoc committee be appointed consisting of faculty with appropriate expertise to draft or recommend for purchase a new Student Rating of Instruction designed to measure teaching effectiveness.” (cannot hear or understand) rationale.

Pat Humphrey (COSM) Senate Moderator and Chair, SEC: Since this is a committee motion, it does not require a second. Any discussion?

James Woods (CLASS): I would like to ask Fred what is the (cannot understand) want on a committee? Do you want representation from every single college on the committee? I’m just curious about that. What’s the nature of the ad hoc?

Fred Smith (LIBRARY): Jamie, I believe this is going to be the SEC’s decision. I don’t think it will be (cannot hear or understand).

Pat Humphrey (COSM) Senate Moderator and Chair, SEC: We did a little bit of thinking last spring and early in the summer and (cannot understand) small and keep it, try to keep it people with expertise in the area, three people that have been suggested as interested (cannot understand) and able to deal with the issue Nan LoBue from CLASS and (cannot understand) CHHS, who were on the SRA committee last year, and Cordelia Zinskie from the College of Education and then we’d also like someone from SGA. If you put too many people on a committee, it gets hard (cannot understand) and difficult to impossible to meet. Rebecca
Rebecca Ziegler (LIB): The motion as it was made says faculty, so if we are representative from SGA so we may need to amend the very much in favor of having a representative from SGA, but motion.

Pat Humphrey (COSM) Senate Moderator and Chair, SEC: Do we have a friendly amendment to amend the motion to include an SGA rep on the ad hoc committee?

?? so moved.

?? second

Pat Humphrey (COSM) Senate Moderator and Chair, SEC: It has been moved and seconded. Okay. Fred?

Fred Smith (LIB): Someone else change

Pat Humphrey (COSM) Senate Moderator and Chair, SEC: All right. A motion to amend has to be taken first. All in favor of amending the original motion to include a representative from the SGA please say aye. All opposed? Is there any further discussion on the now amended motion about forming an ad hoc committee to draft a new student ratings of instruction? Seeing none, all in favor. All opposed? The motion carries.