MINUTES OF THE
JEPSON SCHOOL FACULTY MEETING
February 13, 2015

Attending:  Kristin Bezio, Joanne Ciulla, Jessica Flanigan, Don Forsyth, Al Goethals, Hannah Hayes, Javier Hidalgo, Crystal Hoyt, Peter Kaufman, Tony Kong, Gary McDowell, Sandra Peart, Terry Price, Ernesto Semán, Kerstin Soderlund, Susan Taylor, Chris von Rueden
Absent: Julian Hayter (leave), Thad Williamson (leave)

The agenda and documentation were distributed prior to the meeting. The meeting was called to order by Dean Sandra Peart at 12:00 pm.

The minutes of the January 16, 2015 faculty meeting were approved.

Reports:

JSGA – Hannah Hayes reported that the JSGA is finalizing Finale speakers, making plans for a get-together for all Jepson students, and participating in plans for renovating the student lounge.

Alumni Awards Process:

Sandra asked the faculty to approve the proposed revision to the Tenth Year Reunion Recognition Award and the (20 year) Alumni Award criteria documents allowing emeriti faculty to serve on the Awards Selection Committee(s). The proposal was unanimously approved.

Guidelines for Direct Cost Funding:

Joanne Ciulla asked for approval of the guidelines for direct funding explaining the policy would allow all faculty to have fair access to funding. The guidelines state that funds should be applied for by September 1 of each year, approved funds may be used only for the project designated, and allocations are for one year and cannot be taken with the faculty member if they leave the University. The proposal was unanimously approved.

Science and Leadership Update:

Terry Price explained that, after discussions among the Academic Affairs Committee members, a basic idea for the Science and Leadership program is in sketch form. One of the major issues is trying to determine how many students will be interested in the program and what their needs will be. A “science leadership scholars program” has been suggested with students majoring or minoring in leadership studies as well as majoring or minoring in a science; a senior capstone could be required. April Hill (Biology) is collaborating with us on the possibility of creating a scholars program that would have added incentives.

Feedback included:
- Assign students to one advisor for cohesiveness.
- Define which science students are eligible (just the natural sciences?).
- Advanced registration would disadvantage Jepson majors who aren’t in the science program.
- How would students be recruited and chosen? Answer: They would apply to Jepson as usual.
• Applicants to the program would need a recommendation from faculty of both leadership studies and the sciences.

The Academic Affairs Committee will create a proposal to bring back to the full faculty. Suggestions may be made to Terry.

Student Awards Review and Discussion:

Kerstin Soderlund briefly reviewed the summary of the student awards (Mace, C. J. Gray, and James MacGregor Burns Awards) that was distributed in advance of the meeting. There were no comments or questions.

Call for Senate Nominations:

Crystal Hoyt reported that there will be a presentation on the Senate at the Tuesday, February 17 University faculty meeting. Jepson School faculty will need to elect a senator (and a proxy) by April 15. Crystal stated that the Jepson and SPCS senators have more responsibilities than other senators since they are, by default, are on the Executive Committee and must attend all meetings. The first Senate will have the senators draw straws to determine the length of their initial term.

The following was decided:
- Nominations for senator should be sent to Susan Taylor by February 28th.
- Nominations will be presented at the March 27th faculty meeting and nominees will be given the opportunity to speak to their interest and qualifications.
- The election will take place via electronic vote shortly after the March 27th meeting with Susan Taylor collecting the votes.
- If there are more than two nominees, there will be a run-off (also by electronic vote) of the top two vote getters.

Joint Faculty Appointments:

Sandra explained that several Jepson faculty have joint appointments with other University units (Psychology, PPEL, Management). Under these arrangements, the faculty member is expected to teach two cross-listed courses over a three-year period, serve as an academic advisor, and be involved in the events sponsored by the joint department. The appointment does not give vote or voice in the second school. Joint appointments are generally initiated by the faculty member or dean/department chair. Sandra believes that it would good for the Jepson School to pursue joint appointments with non-Jepson faculty stating the arrangement would let others see what is done at our school. Suggestions for Faculty with related experience are Scott Allison (Psychology), Dan Palazzolo (Political Science and co-PI for the Marshall Center), Tom Shields (SPCS), Del McWhorter (Philosophy), and Sandra Joireman (Political Science). Terry noted that, at most, we would have one or two cross-listed courses per year.

Other Business:

Sandra announced that a faculty retreat dinner will be scheduled for May 8th at the VMFA even though there will not be a spring retreat this year.
Just as was done for the LDST 102 teachers, LDST 101 teachers are interested in discussing the course over dinner. Details will be forthcoming.

The EDGE Institute, designed and organized by alumni with support from Kerstin and Christine Most, will take place on Sunday, February 15 with nearly 40 alumni participating. Faculty are invited to attend the networking reception in the International Commons on Sunday evening.

Susan Taylor noted that the Office of Planning & Budget is changing budget reporting effective July 1. Any faculty member who currently receives monthly budget reports and needs to continue to receive reports, should let Susan know so arrangements can be made.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:08 pm.

Susan W. Taylor
February 20, 2015