MINUTES OF THE  
JEPSON SCHOOL FACULTY MEETING  
December 5, 2014

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

The agenda and documentation were distributed prior to the meeting. The meeting was called to order by Dean Sandra Peart at 12:03 pm.

The minutes of the November 7, 2014 faculty meeting were approved.

Presentation: Dr. Alene Waller, Health Services, and Dr. Tina Cade, Associate VP, Student Development, gave a presentation on disabilities accommodations at the University and a reference card was distributed to all attendees. Highlights:

• The University has a “virtual disability office.”
• Our disabilities services office “was at the kindergarten level, now is at the 8th-grade level, and is shooting for a PhD.”
• When approved, accommodations such as recorded lectures must be permitted or the professor, along with the University, may face potential legal action.
• The University often does not update testing upon admission, but instead relies on earlier testing because the University does not want to create an undue burden for students.
• Dr. Cade’s team is working on establishing a campus-wide testing site option.
• Expenses less than $500 required for making accommodations for students are the responsibility of the individual schools.

The presentation concluded with a question and answer session. The guests departed at 12:30 pm.

Reports:

JSGA – Hannah Hayes reported that the JSGA is working on updating the student lounge. There will be a doggie study break next Wednesday from 2:00-4:00 pm. The JSGA continues to work on their project to identify desired learning outcomes for LDST 101 and 102.

2016-17 Forum Ideas:

Sandra reported that Jess Flanigan and Terry Price are working with Shannon Best to secure speakers for the 2015-16 Forum (leadership and health). Al Goethals and Julian Hayter are interested in planning the 2016-17 Forum on the leadership angle of Reconstruction. Al stated that this historical yet contemporary topic would coincide well with the sesquicentennial of that event. Julian noted that the Forum would also coincide with the 50th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act. Al and Julian had a productive meeting with Ed Ayers; they agreed it would be a timely topic and provide the opportunity to bring leading scholars to campus. A colloquium would be planned in connection with the Forum. Al asked for speaker suggestions to be sent to him or Julian. There was unanimous agreement to proceed with the proposed topic.
Society for the Study of Leadership:

Sandra explained that in spring 2012, Jepson faculty began a conversation about establishing a society focusing on leadership studies scholarship which would attempt to bring in a new generation of leadership studies scholars to work with leadership studies pioneers.

Al further explained that in July 2014, he, Terry Price and Kristin Bezio spoke by phone with key leadership studies scholars from across the country to discuss the formation of a society which would focus on leadership studies and interdisciplinary scholarship. The group decided to plan a September 2015 meeting of a subgroup to explore the society further through focused discussion.

Sandra stated that, to the extent there is interest, she will support a society. She has set aside $50K in start-up funding and Michele Bedsaul would provide administrative support. It was agreed to plan the September 2015 exploratory meeting; based on the outcome, the first conference would be planned for September 2016. Faculty are encouraged to send suggestions for invitees to the September 2015 meeting to Al, Terry or Kristin.

Review of sources of faculty & student scholarship support:

Sandra reviewed the variety of sources available for both faculty and student scholarship support. A handout summarizing these sources was put in each faculty member’s mailbox following the meeting.

Other Business:

Crystal Hoyt returned to the meeting to announce that Board of Trustees approved the University faculty’s proposal to create a University Senate and disband the University Faculty Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 pm.

Susan W. Taylor
December 11, 2014