Faculty Senate

9/13/2016

1. Director of Assessment Search
	* On-campus interviews with candidates are ongoing
	* Candidates
		+ Marcelo Schmidt (on campus last week)
		+ Brandon Combs, September 15 & 16
2. Graduation Application
	* The application will be slightly modified to require approval by the faculty advisor of remaining major requirements. This addition will ensure that each student meets with his/her faculty advisor.
	* The Academic Advising Center (AAC) will continue to
		+ Update major, minor, and bulletin year in Banner, if needed
		+ Complete the portion of the application relating to satisfaction of
			- Lower division core requirements
			- Minor requirements
			- Other specific degree and graduation requirements such as minimum total hours, minimum upper division hours, etc.
	* Specific procedures will be provided to the department chairs for distribution to the faculty
3. Honors College Dean Search
	* The search committee had its first meeting yesterday and received its charge.
4. Faculty Load Task Force Considerations
	* Start with the Faculty Handbook “normal teaching load” statement of 12 hours/semester
	* Calculate loads by department, not by the individual
	* Consider differential work assignments
	* Consider teaching, research, and service
	* Consider student mentoring and advising, including research, independent study and internships.
	* Consider graduate instruction
	* Recognize that one size does not fit all situations
5. Other Announcements & Reminders:
	* First-to-Go Awareness Week this week
	* Faculty Handbook Committee will begin meeting weekly this Friday
	* First-Year Minority Student Dinner – September 15, 5:30pm, Student Center Ballroom
	* Diversity After Hours reception: September 20th, 4:30pm-6pm, Fireplace Room
	* Meeting with Northwest Arkansas Community College to discuss the future relationship/opportunities with the institution – September 21st