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