Members Absent:
  Joshua Adams  Jean Chambers  Paul Leary  Allison Rank  Scott Roby

The meeting was called to order at 3:11 pm.

I. Approval of Agenda – The agenda was approved with one change

II. Minutes of October 23, 2017, were approved unanimously.

III. FA Chair’s Report—
  1. The budget advisory group met on 10/27/17
     Faculty salary subcommittee report:
     Members are: Amy Shore, Frank Byrne, Lyudmyla Ardan, John MacDonald, Katherine Thweatt, Rebecca Mushtare, Kristen Munger
     - Will be a 3 year process, because they’re going to recalculate the study to use median (instead of mean) salary average.
     - Scott Furlong would like a process, preferably a transparent one, in place. Rameen noted that there had been a policy in place that was built into the DSI process.
  2. System is calling for nominations for SUNY Provost.
  3. Comment periods open:
     a. Microcredentialing Task Force comment period ends 11/8 (draft report is posted as handout today)
     b. Strategic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Plan comment period ends 12/4 (draft is posted as handout today)
  4. 1975 bylaws—anyone have a clean copy?
  5. Introduce yourself and constituency (reminder)

IV. Reports of Councils, Committees, and Task Forces
  A. Personnel Policies Council (Elizabeth Schmitt)
     Met on 10/30/17 we agreed to two bylaw revisions reported out today and we continue with criteria guidelines
  
B. Priorities and Planning Council (Linda Rae Markert)

     1. Council members reviewed and discussed proposed changes to the Sustainability Minor. We deferred action on these changes pending the possibility of redistribution of required vs. elective courses.

     2. We discussed an initiative by the Registrar to require faculty advisors to create and continuously update plans toward graduation for each student within Degree Works.

     3. Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 17th at 3:00 PM in 304 Park Hall.
C. Grand Challenges (Linda Rae Markert)—
I was appointed to be the FA representative to the Common Problem Pedagogy Work Group back in October 2016. The group met a few times in the fall to discuss ways SUNY Oswego might respond to the performance drivers embedded in Impact #5 of its Tomorrow Plan – Our Grand Challenges.

Within about five weeks we developed a proposal that was presented to the Presidents’ Council that detailed ideas regarding the creation of a Grand Challenges Project for the campus.

Their approval of the proposal led to the creation of the Grand Challenges Oversight Committee of which I remain a member. Professor Leigh Wilson is the Chair of this committee and she delivered a report to FA back in the spring.

Our committee met several times early this fall and determined it was essential to survey SUNY Oswego’s faculty, staff and students to identify potential topics for our first Grand Challenge to be launched in June 2018 to run through June 2020.

Results of the survey were reviewed and we determined “Fresh Water for All” to be the one we will pursue as a campus. President Stanley announced this initiative through a campus community email message on October 31st.

The Grand Challenges Oversight Committee will soon be issuing guidelines for all campus departments to submit Project Briefs for review and approval. Small stipends will be available to help those submitting proposals to introduce modules, assignments and other interdisciplinary projects involving fresh water to students.

Visit our web site for ongoing information: oswego.edu/grand-challenges

V. Elections
None

VI. Action: Chemistry BS Program Revisions:
Passed unanimously

VII. Action: Free Speech, Civil Discourse, and Peaceful Assembly Task Force:
The task force was amended to include two additional student appointees.
Passed by Iclicker vote: 39 for, 0 against, 0 abstain
VIII.  **Action: Bylaws Revision**
- After discussion of language revision the action was passed by iclicker vote: 38 for, 1 against, 0 abstain. See final revision here.

IX.  **Action: Changes to Creative Writing:**
- Passed unanimously

X.  **Presentation: UFS Plenary Report** (Eve Clark and Frank Byrne)

XI.  **Presentation: Kristen Eichhorn, Dean of Graduate Studies**

XIII.  **New Business**
- No new business this meeting.

*Meeting adjourned 4:35 pm.*