Senate Minutes for 4/3/13

Members present: Wilson, Kimmel, Blunk, Conroy, Hindson, Sriraman, Cavitt, Czyzewska, Furney, Covington

Guests: Sigler

Meeting called to order at 4:00.

Announcements :
1. *E-Portfolios and Tenure & Promotion:* Dr. Opheim reported that the TK20 system is not yet being used as a platform for candidates to submit their tenure & promotion materials. However, there will be a pilot test of the system this summer.
2. *Donation to Melzer Scholarship Fund:* The Senate chose to contribute to the Melzer Scholarship Fund as a group. Cash donations should be brought to the Senate Office by the April 10 Senate meeting. To further honor Dr. Melzer's memory, the Senate is dedicating the new edition of the *Faculty Handbook* to her; Senators were shown a draft of the dedication page, a link to which will also be posted on the Senate's webpage.
3. *Revisions to Curriculum:* To accommodate recent revisions to PPS 2.01, a new webpage posting a summary of changes to Curriculum proposals will appear on the Senate website.

CAD Report: Among the topics discussed at the most recent CAD meeting were the university's plan for water conservation, the development of wait lists and reserved seats plans for the Banner System (a pilot test of these options is underway in a few departments), and an update on current enrollment numbers (transfer enrollments have dropped, and graduate enrollments have risen).

Old Business:
1. *Adjunct Faculty Committee:* The Senate discussed new drafts of documents on the Part-Time Teaching Award and Development Release for Adjunct Faculty. Discussion focused on whether it is necessary to include prose on intellectual property rights in the Release document, since those rights appear in other University PPS documents, are governed by the Board of Regents, and affect all faculty similarly. The Senate voted to forward drafts of these documents to the Provost.
2. *Summative Review of Chairs:* The Senate's subcommittee investigating the process for the summative review of Chairs, is exploring how to increase the role of faculty in the process, as well as how to create consistency in the process across the university. Members shared the topics they have been discussing. Among their questions are how changes will impact faculty, what processes are involved, and whether the changes are manageable without the need for large committees. At issue in particular is how review committees

would be created, and which faculty could / should serve (for instance, should tenure-track and adjunct faculty play an active role in the review process?). Senators agreed that Deans should not be involved in the gathering of information for the review.

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Handbook Review Reports: Senators continued review of the latest draft of the new edition of the *Faculty Handbook*.

New Business:
1. *Charging electric cars on campus:* A faculty member reports seeing an electric car being charged in one of the parking garages, and wonders if the University has a policy on this use of University resources. The concern will be forwarded to the Facilities Committee.
2. *SPSS Update:* IBM is challenging the University's assertion that the company has made SPSS more expensive after acquiring it.
3. *Graduate Dean Search:* It was reported at CAD that one of the candidates for Graduate Dean has accepted the University's offer, which includes a faculty position for her spouse. Both the candidate and her spouse will assume faculty positions in the Department of Modern Languages.

Minutes of 3/20/13 were approved.

Adjournment.