The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm

The minutes from February, 2017 were provisionally approved, upon consultation with Jacob Rooksby regarding the wording of the TAP 40 conversation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Athletic Director Dave Harper will address the Faculty Senate Assembly on 4/28 at 10:30am to discuss the Athletics Department and fundraising efforts. Please attend and encourage fellow faculty members to attend as well.
- HERI Survey - 1,050 surveys were sent out; however the response rate is currently only at 25%. Encourage faculty members to complete the survey because this data is important for Middle States.
- Faculty Appreciation Week will be April 24-28th. During this week, faculty will receive discounts at the Red Ring, the Bookstore, City View, Hogan Dining Hall, Freshens, Coffee Tree Roasters, and more.
- Academic Affairs will host an open forum on Tuesday, April 11th at 3pm in the Dougherty Ballroom. The Provost will be discussing the Faculty Handbook, the University Strategic Plan, and curriculum revision and design.
- An end of the year reception will be held on Thursday, May 4th 3pm-5pm in the Dougherty Ballroom. All faculty members are invited to attend.

OLD BUSINESS

- Faculty Handbook - The latest draft is out for its last round of comments. For all submitted comments, a personal response will be returned indicating whether or not the comment was adopted and why. If faculty members are concerned about confidentiality, comments can be emailed to Dr. Burrows. The deadline for comments on the latest draft is Monday, April 10th. The final draft should be ready by May. The handbook will be revised again in 2020 and then again every five years.
- DU Press- No solution to re-open the Press has been identified. All suggested solutions to keep the press open were deemed to be unworkable. It was determined that the Press was not mission driven because it did not directly affect students. Faculty involvement in decision making was discussed. For the last 10 years, the Faculty Senate President has not been on the Board of Directors. A suggestion was raised to involve the Spiritans in the conversation about the closure of the Press. Discussion continued to address the impact athletics has on funding as a tuition driven institution, as well as the impact of additions to administration and staff.
• **Middle States & University Strategic Plan activity over the summer** - The steering committee is still working on a draft that is intended to be available for revisions before graduation. The head of the site visit committee will need a draft by October. Work will be done over the summer on the University Strategic Plan.

• **NEW BUSINESS**

• **Special Meeting of the Sibson Survey group on 4/6, 3pm, 108 Canevin Hall** - This meeting will be conducted via telephone to examine peer schools by category.

• **Cuts to McAnulty College Budget** - $1.5 million is going to be cut from academic programs, $500,000 of which is being taken from McAnulty. Other schools, like education and music, are also facing cuts. This information was not officially communicated. The pros and cons of incentive based budgeting were discussed.

• **Directions for the Summer and Fall** - The floor was open to suggestions for how to proceed this summer. Suggestions included making the President aware of the feelings of crisis on campus, definition of student-centeredness, and how to foster student excellence.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

• None

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

• None

The meeting was adjourned at 2:51 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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