Faculty Welfare Committee Minutes  
November 10, 2016 at 3:30pm

In Attendance:

Susan Pearce, Chris Duffrin, Robert Kulesher

Ex-Officio Members in Attendance: Lisa Hudson, Wendy Sergeant, Cheryl Dudasik-Wiggs, Nadine Rammouni

Others in Attendance: Lauren Mink, Environmental Health and Safety, Lori Lee

Meeting called to order: 3:30 PM. No Quorum, so no votes were taken on agenda items.

Agenda Item: Safety Issues

Lauren Mink reported that her boss used to circulate memos to this committee to be shared with faculty at large, and asked whether we would like to restart that tradition. If so, she can send a list of topics for those updates for us to approve. (Since the meeting, she did circulate this list and asked for our feedback on whether we would be interested in these topics or others):

LiveSafe (app)
Run-Hide-Fight (Active Assailants on Campus)
Role of Faculty in Classroom Safety
Winter Weather
Fire Evacuation
Medical Emergencies
Tornadoes & Severe Weather
Suspicious Activity & Behaviors
Shelter-in-Place
Power Outages
Pedestrian & Biking Safety
Parking Lot General Safety
Hurricanes & Flooding
She described the LiveSafe app, a free app for faculty, staff, students, parents. It offers instantaneous communication, you can call from it, and send anonymous tips about accidents, mental health issues, etc. It includes Safe Walk, where a parent can watch the student walk home. It also gives info on the next bus, weather, and emergency procedures. It was launched in April. It partners with Greenville police; Vidant is looking at it as well.

The link is: www.ecu.edu/livesafe

There was a discussion of interest in a 1-step panic button on the screen in the smart classrooms.

Pedestrian safety is a big issue. There is no dedicated parking for students at the hospital at hours such as 4 AM.

Agenda item: Voluntary regulations: on hold as other units are looking at these.

Agenda item: Adverse Weather policy: on hold as other units are looking at these.

Agenda item: Emeritus Faculty Survey: we had a disappointing response: only about 19. Perhaps they are not checking email. The response rate isn’t enough to make a policy. Suggestions: put an ad in East Magazine, survey those about to retire (get a mailing list: tenured faculty only), give a pitch to a retired faculty association. Susan will ask whether retirees get Arts tickets discounts currently. Do they get ECU library access?

Agenda item: there is a question about reproductive health on the state health plan assessment. Cheryl and Susan will draft a letter of concern to send to Melissa Bard, Associate VC of HR.

Agenda item: Project Unify (Vidant and Brody merger): The faculty senate is at the table about this. There is a mixed response to it by faculty.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.