Academic Council
Minutes of Meeting
January 27, 2014

Attendance: Professors Joe Dennin, Don Greenberg, Shannon Harding, James He, Chris Huntley, Ginny Kelly, Alison Kris, Irene Mulvey (AC Executive Secretary), Martin Nguyen, Elizabeth Petrino, Shawn Rafalski (AC Chair), Susan Rakowitz (General Faculty Secretary), Kraig Steffen, John Thiel, Jo Yarrington. Dean Don Gibson.
Proxy for Prof. David Downie was held by Prof. John Thiel

The meeting was called to order by AC Chair, Prof. Shawn Rafalski, at 3:30 PM.

MOTION [Steffen/Kris] to approve the agenda as distributed.
MOTION APPROVED. 11 in favor, 1 opposed, none abstaining (11-1-0)

MOTION [Mulvey/Steffen] that the AC allow votes by proxy at this meeting.
MOTION APPROVED unanimously.

The Executive Secretary and the General Faculty Secretary explained where we are in the process – that there is one more faculty slot on the Strategic Planning Steering Committee and President von Arx, who is appointing members to the Steering Committee, would like the AC to nominate at least one faculty member for the slot.

A motion was made to send the President three names, but there was no second.

MOTION [Rakowitz/Greenberg] that the AC send the President one name

Following brief discussion with members speaking for and against the motion,

MOTION [Thiel/Second] amend the motion by replacing “one name” with “two names”.
MOTION PASSED. 10 in favor, 3 opposed, none abstaining (10-3-0).

MOTION (as amended) that the AC send the President two names.
MOTION PASSED, 11 in favor, 2 opposed, none abstaining (11-2-0)

Ballots were distributed that contained all the names remaining from the last ballot and two names that had come in since the first vote. Council followed its usual procedure that no one would be elected without majority support.

On the first ballot, Professor Yohuru Williams was elected. On a second (run-off) ballot, Professor Amalia Rusu was elected. The Executive Secretary was instructed to send these results to President von Arx, indicating that the Council’s first choice for the slot was Prof. Williams.

A MOTION to adjourn was made, seconded and PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTION at 3:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Mulvey
AC Executive Secretary