Faculty Senate Chair's Report

2023-11-17 Faculty Senate Meeting

Current and Ongoing Items:

Issues Facing Committees:

- APPC hopes to read the new AI resolution into the record at the 12/1 Faculty Senate meeting. We will then have a vote at the following meeting in the spring semester.

- TLRC rescheduled their 11/15 event on Chat GPT due to a conflict with the Provost candidates coming to campus. They have rescheduled the event to Wednesday, December 6th during common hour. It will be led by Dr. Jessica Williams from the English department.

Other issues:

- SSEI Institutional Transformation Assessment survey was sent out on 11/8. It came from Kyle (andersonk@oldwestbury.edu). There are many high-level questions, but you can always answer "unsure" if you don't know.

- Campus + University Teaching Environment survey was sent out on 10/24. It may have come to your spam box or "other" inbox, so make sure to check both places. There are many questions, but you can always opt to not answer any question you feel like.

  At the last Faculty Senate meeting, there was concern about the language around anonymity of the surveys in the email that went around. Shanthi Konkoth, who is administering this survey from the Office of Institutional Effectiveness, reached out to the team at Indiana University with our concerns. Here is how they responded:

  > *There are two different reasons that IRB and our legal department requires that we include that language in the consent for the survey. First, because we have write-in questions. There's nothing we can do if a faculty member somehow identifies themselves with what they write in their open-ended comments. Even if they don't explicitly name themselves, they can write things like "as the only Black woman in the department…" that could lead to their identification beyond our control. And second, and this would be incredibly rare, so rare that I can't actually think of a reasonable reason it would happen, but if a judge ordered us to hand over data we might have to comply (after what I imagine would be a very long legal battle).*

- Presidential Committees: Working this week to appoint people to the new, updated Presidential Committee structure (Campus Life, Operational Excellence, Planning &

Budget, and IT Governance and Advisory are the four Presidential Committees according to the new structure). If you served on a Presidential Committee in the past and would like to continue serving, please email andersonk@oldfwestbury.edu.

- Provost Search: We have identified four candidates, and they are coming to campus on November 14th, 15th, 16th, and 17th. There will be open fora for these candidates to meet with the campus community during common hour on those days in the Student Union MPR. 2 days prior to the candidate's arrival, their resume will be sent out to the campus community.

Vacancies:

- Four vacancies on the **Student Conduct Committee**: 2 SAS and 2 At-Large

- **Call to service:** looking for faculty to serve on the Student Success & Growth Strategic Planning Subcommittee, and the Operational Excellence and Campus Life Presidential committees.