**University Faculty Organization Committee**

**Action Item for March 2022**

March 14, 2022

Online Meeting (Zoom)

Members Present:

* Melissa Wells (COE), UFOC Chair
* Kelly Yoon (COB), UFOC Secretary
* Smita Jain Oxford (COB)
* Kevin Good (COE)
* Brooks Kuykendall (CAS-MUS)

Absent: Brad Lamphere (CAS-BIOL)

**Handbook Language: Student Members on Faculty Committees**

* In the Faculty Handbook, discrepancies in the handbook language make it difficult to determine if the UMW President or the SGA President is responsible for making student appointments to some faculty committees. UFOC recommends that the following language changes be made to provide clarity and consistency.
  + 2.5.1.3: Students serve as nonvoting members of the Academic Affairs Committee. They are appointed by the UFOC ~~on the recommendation of the President of the Student Government Association~~ after being nominated by the President of the Student Government Association and confirmed by the UMW President.
  + 2.6.1 University Academic Affairs Committee The committee consists of five faculty members: one representative from each college and two appointed from the faculty at-large. The committee also includes the following nonvoting ex officio members or their designees: the Provost, Vice President for Enrollment Management, the Registrar, and the Associate Provost for Academic Engagement and Student Success. In addition, two students ~~appointed by the President~~ nominated by the President of the Student Government Association and confirmed by the UMW President serve as nonvoting members.
  + 2.7.7 Student Appointments to Faculty Advisory Committees Student members are appointed to several Advisory Committees, with the number to be appointed specified in the statements of committee membership as found in §2.8 (below). These students are nonvoting members who are appointed by the UFOC ~~on the recommendation of the President of the Student Government Association~~ after being nominated by the President of the Student Government Association and confirmed by the UMW President with one exception. The student representative on the BLS Committee is appointed by the UFOC on the recommendation of the Director of the BLS Program.
  + 2.8.2 Budget Advisory Committee The committee consists of seven voting faculty members: one representative from each college and four appointed from the faculty at-large by the Faculty Organization Committee. In addition, there shall be one non-voting representative from the Department of Athletics, Health & Physical Education if there is not a regular voting member already serving on the committee, four non-voting representatives from the University Staff Council, and one non-voting representative from the Student Government Association; these individuals shall be selected by their respective groups, with the student member nominated by the President of the Student Government Association and confirmed by the UMW President.
  + 2.8.6 James Farmer Multicultural Center Advisory Committee The committee consists of five faculty members appointed as described in section 2.7.2. The committee also includes, as a nonvoting ex officio member, the Director of the James Farmer Multicultural Center and a nonvoting staff representative (appointed by the University Staff Council). In addition, two students ~~appointed by the President~~ nominated by the President of the Student Government Association and confirmed by the UMW President serve as nonvoting members.
  + 2.8.9 Student Affairs and Campus Life Advisory Committee The committee consists of five faculty members appointed as described in section 2.7.2. The committee also includes, as a nonvoting ex officio member, the Vice President for Student Affairs (or his or her designee) and two nonvoting student members ~~appointed by the President~~ nominated by the President of the Student Government Association and confirmed by the UMW President to represent the Fredericksburg and Stafford Campuses, respectively.
* Rationale: The SGA is comprised of representatives elected by students; therefore, the SGA President is considered to be a representative of the student body. The SGA President can make informed recommendations for student membership on faculty committees, which the UMW President can then approve and submit to UFOC. Therefore, all stakeholders are involved but the process is clearer and more efficient. The only exception to this workflow is the BLS Committee, which will continue to allow the Director of the BLS Program to appoint a representative.
* Jeff McClurken and President Paino approve of the suggestions above.
* The motion passed unanimously.