

Minutes of the Faculty Assembly
Tuesday, January 17, 2017

The Asbury University Faculty Assembly convened at 10:50 on January 17, 2017 in Bennett-Bernard. The meeting was opened with prayer requests followed by prayer.

The minutes from the last Faculty Assembly were approved.

Reports

Dr. Kulaga reviewed the timeline for the academic strategic alignment process. The APG will meet in January and February. Departments will meet and create individual reports.

President Gray gave an update on the Strategic Alignment Process. She began by reporting good news about ongoing gifts, and she shared scripture and a devotional. She reminded faculty of the general goals: to identify dollars that can fully fund areas that are critical and to realign resources to cover the current deficient. Progress is being made. A number of cuts and adjustments have already been made on the staff side, and further realignment is ongoing. She asked faculty to join her in praying for this process.

A number of questions were raised:

Would it be okay for individual departments to go ahead and begin meeting about and discussing possible departmental recommendations? Yes.

What are the expectations for how much of the cuts need to come from the academic side? With academics as the largest part of the budget, a good deal of the proposed cuts will come from academics – but no fixed amount has been set at this point. A growth in enrollment or in other income streams will affect how deep cuts will need to be.

Mark Troyer presented a brief enrollment report for Spring 2017 as well as a look to the fall. He had good news to report for the spring. This will be the first spring we are over 1800, an overall 4.8% growth over last spring. He then outlined several enrollment initiatives designed to help enrollment for Fall 2017. He thanked faculty for all their work and asked for their continual prayers.

Brian Hull offered information on the Faculty Development Faculty Research Grants. There will be 10 grants available of \$500 each. Information can be found on the Provost Office webpage. Money can be used to pay for resources, travel, to hire additional help, etc. Applications will accepted through March 31.

Dr. Kulaga reminded faculty of the need to take attendance according to the instructions in the email from the Registrar's Office. He welcomed faculty back and introduced new faculty.

Announcements

January 17, 12:05p, Pipe Organ Performance Series, Hughes Auditorium, Dr. Charlie H. Mitchell

January 23-27, Holiness Emphasis Week, Rev. Matt Leroy

January 24, 11:00a – 12:00p, Faculty Forum, Kinlaw Board Room: “Our Current Course Evaluation and Proposed Revisions”

January 26, 11:30a – 12:30p, Brown Bag Seminar, Jill Campbell: “Music Teacher Attitudes Toward Sex-Specific Vocal Change”

January 27-28, Growing Saints Conference/Salvation Army, Nathan Miller

February 13, 7:30p, Russian String Orchestra, Hughes Auditorium, Misha Rachlevsky, Music Director

The next Faculty Assembly will be February 14, 2017. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50.

Respectfully submitted,
Devin Brown
Faculty Secretary