

**Minutes of the Faculty Assembly
Tuesday, October 3, 2017**

The Asbury University Faculty Assembly convened at 10:55 on October 3, 2017 in Bennett-Bernard. The meeting was opened with prayer requests and prayer.

The minutes from the last Faculty Assembly were approved.

Reports

Bill Hall gave an update on enrollment. He thanked faculty for their efforts in recruitment and retention. Graduate enrollment remains stable. APS continues to grow. TUG is down a bit, but not as low as had been expected. The number of new TUG students has been relatively stable. Bill presented some ideas about improving retention. He highlighted one retention solution that involved one more meeting that faculty would have with freshmen and sophomore advisees. He pointed to several new initiatives that will help with recruiting. He asked faculty to help again with the postcard campaign and invited input on the design for postcards and departmental flyers.

Mark Troyer gave an overview of the progress that has been made on the Ignited Campaign. He highlighted the large number of Asbury alums and friends of Asbury who are helping in all sorts of ways. He noted the great respect and wonderful relationship that President Gray enjoys with our constituents. We are nearly to \$51 million in the \$62 million goal for the campaign.

David Hay discussed security on campus. The next Emergency Response drill will be on Thursday. It will be a Run, Hide, Fight drill and will be initiated with a text alert. Information will be sent out in advance to students and faculty via email.

Margaret Park Smith presented the revisions to the Course Evaluation format. She noted that questions 19 and 25 seek to look at cultural responsibility without using leading language. Comment boxes will be added beneath questions 4-26 for optional comment and N/A will be added as a 5th answer option. A proposal was made and seconded that the draft be approved. A question was raised about field-testing the new draft. Several options for field-testing the new form were offered. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn for further consideration.

Glenn Hamilton talked briefly about the new online Services Portal. The old Portal will be replaced over the next two months with a newly designed one. Faculty were given a demonstration of some of the new features.

Dr. Banker reminded faculty that Mike Stratford is available to work with anyone who interested in exploring writing a grant. She updated faculty on the Provost search – applications have come in and are being considered. Faculty will have representation on this decision in the Spring.

Announcements

October 4, 10:00a, Student Chapel

October 5-7, Homecoming and Family Weekend

October 9, 11:00a – 12:00p, Faculty Forum, Kinlaw Boardroom, “The Distracted Classroom: Discussing the Advantages and Challenges of Tech in the Classroom”

October 11, Chapel, Be Bold Series: Class Breakout Chapel

October 12, 11:30a – 12:30p, Brown Bag Seminar, Steve Clements, “Political Polarization and Electoral Dynamics: Explaining the 2016 American National Election Results”

October 13, Fall Break

October 23-27, Great Commission Congress

October 26-28, Board of Trustees

The next Faculty Assembly will be October 31, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Devin Brown

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