

MAFS Executive Board Meeting 9/14/2018
Conklin 105 12:20pm-1:10pm

Call to order (All members present- in person or via phone)

Approval of April Minutes

- Tabled (check out April 2018 minutes and then possibly approve via e-mail)

OLD BUSINESS:

- Kira's tabled voting item
 - Constitution might need to be amended based on the idea
 - Idea should be presented to MAFS, especially before we finalize the constitution
 - Kim: assuming it's based on not just selecting one candidate, but perhaps 1st, 2nd, 3rd choice or something like that (Peter agrees)
- Campus Theme: Recommendations for oversight
 - Housed inside a different committee?
 - More than just a faculty activity- students & staff, too...
 - Perhaps better with Student Affairs or Activities?
 - Have a conversation with Curtis or Donna?
 - No one group should be completely responsible for Campus Theme
 - Should this be a discussion in MAFS?
 - Back in ancient times, Alice Royer chaired it and there was a budget
 - Speakers and staff -> student affairs would have funding
 - Should have input from faculty, staff, students for choosing the theme, but no enforcement of how to use it in courses
 - Perhaps co-chairs? -> one faculty & one staff (Curtis?)
 - Sustainability Committee has co-chairs: 1 faculty & 1 staff (also Academic Festival...)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. MADE MAFS meeting: Reflection and Discussion

- MAFS meetings are more announcement meetings vs. senate/discussion meetings
 - From ancient times: faculty orientation was only announcements, then morphed into MADE
- Try to disseminate information in a different way?
- Senate meetings used to be unstructured & very open flow of ideas
- Many announcements go over time, then sometimes most interesting discussions are at end
- Sending e-mail & attending MAFS -> not guaranteed to get everyone's attention
- * - Perhaps should have an Exec Mtg *before* 1st August MAFS meeting in the future?
 - Enjoyable: taking 10 min for intros -> building community & encouraging wit
 - Sometimes too many e-mails -> collect information into one newsletter?
 - Presenters need to stick to allotted time

2. Nominations:

a. Chair elect: Susan, Tom, and Linghao are eligible

Susan: withdrawing name b/c cannot attend early meeting? -> can call in

b. Secretary: Kim

3. MAFS Constitution: Update and Discussion

- Printed e-mail supplied of last conversation about constitution (and amendments)
- Background: needed to amend constitution for non-tenure track committee
- Our constitution -> recommended being reconfigured to create Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules, especially since Standing Rules are the easiest to change
 - Perhaps an ad-hoc committee for volunteers (Jim Donovan?) to restructure the constitution
- Requires a MAFS discussion -> Is MAFS comfortable exploring the possibility?
If so, call for a vote, and hopefully ask for volunteers

4. Committee Charges:

a. Academic Affairs:

Mike will discuss with the chair what has been done & what should be explored

b. Campus Planning

c. Curricular Affairs

Looking at Ag Business Management as a new degree

d. Faculty Affairs

Linghao is chair; will report about available funding

e. Information Technology

Office 365 & transition will probably be the focus this semester

f. Diversity

g. Athletics

h. Subcommittees

Possibly ad hoc one for Constitution

5. MAFS Agenda:

a. Staci Brennan: Update

no more than 5 minutes

b. Craig Wagner: Abbreviated Safety Program

Run, Hide, Fight -> MADE session was for staff, but there was significant faculty interest

Will make it fit in a given time frame

c. Doug Prowant: Office 365

Just a few minutes

Probably some significant Q&A, though

d. Election reminder: Chair elect selection

e. Committee reports

f. University Faculty Senators' report

Add: Kira's voting (preferably early in the agenda) & Constitution discussion

6. Open

- Shredding documents?

- Store files in Conklin basement until enough is accumulated to bring a shredder to campus?

- Refer to AD35 for more information

7. Next Exec Committee meeting: Wednesday 10/10/18

a. Chair absence MAFS Friday 10/12/18

8. Adjournment: Moved & seconded