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April 2019 Faculty Senate Newsletter

This newsletter covers business conducted during the April 29, 2019 Faculty Senate meeting.

Of Particular Importance to All University Faculty

MedImpact/Direct Scripts Update

Carolyn Gregory, Vice President for Human Resources, presented information on a change in the university's Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM). Direct Scripts will no longer be affiliated with MedImpact. There isn't time to transition to a new PBM, and since the university's contract is with MedImpact, prescriptions will be filled temporarily by MedImpact. The university has an option to cancel its contract with MedImpact within 90 days, and will be evaluating next steps over the summer. Employees may register with MedImpact after June 1, and once registered, prescriptions will be processed and filled after July 1. Employees will be able to obtain 30-day refills of maintenance medications at CVS after July 1, however the co-pay will be higher. Ms. Gregory said that most prescriptions will be able to be transferred automatically from Direct Scripts to MedImpact but some will not and MedImpact will work directly with those individuals to insure that they don't experience an interruption in their medications. Ms. Gregory said that MedImpact has been extremely responsive and has been working with the university on the transition.

Resolution of No Confidence from the School of Law Faculty re: Pharmacy Benefit Manager

Professor Jaime Bouvier, LAW, presented a resolution of no confidence in both Direct Scripts and MedImpact from the faculty of the School of Law. While most employee issues have been with Direct Scripts, faculty have lost confidence in MedImpact also because of the decision to contract with Direct Scripts. Prof. Bouvier asked that the Senate adopt the resolution of no confidence. The Faculty Senate voted to adopt the resolution.

Recognition of Senate Chair and Passing of the Gavel

The Faculty Senate recognized Professor Cynthia Beall for her hard work and leadership as Faculty Senate chair during the 2018-2019 academic year. The gavel was passed to Professor David B. Miller (MSASS) who will serve as Senate chair during the 2019-2020 academic year.

Other Items from the Meeting

Proposal from the School of Medicine for a Doctor of Physical Therapy Degree Program

The Faculty Senate voted to approve a proposal from the School of Medicine for a Doctor of Physical Therapy Degree Program.

Proposal from the Case School of Engineering

The Faculty Senate voted to approve a proposal from the Case School of Engineering to split the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science department (EECS) into two departments. EECS will be renamed the Department of Electrical, Computer and Systems Engineering, and a Department of Computer and Data Sciences will be created.

Faculty Senate Standing Committee Reports:

1. **Faculty Senate Committee on Women Faculty** - Professor Kathryn Mercer, chair, presented a report that included four resolutions for Faculty Senate consideration.
2. **Faculty Senate Committee on Faculty Compensation** - Professor David Matthiesen, chair, presented a report and recommendations from the committee for Faculty Senate consideration.
3. **Faculty Senate Committee on Minority Affairs** - Professor Joachim Voss, chair, presented a report on activities of the committee during the academic year.
4. **Faculty Senate Nominating Committee** - Professor Evelyn Duffy, School of Nursing representative to the committee, presented the slate of new Senate Executive Committee and Senate standing committee members for 2019-2020. The Faculty Senate voted to approve all new committee members.

Graduate Student Council: Proposed Revisions to Guidebook for Mentors and Mentees

Brendan Barton, Graduate Student Council Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented revisions to the Guidebook for Mentors and Mentees. The Handbook was created during the 2008-09 academic year and was due for an update. The presentation was made for informational purposes and the Senate was not asked to vote on the revised Guidebook.

More detailed information on all items included in this newsletter are available on the Google site at <https://tinyurl.com/y66ld8ns>. Once the minutes have been approved (at the following Faculty Senate meeting), they will be posted on the Senate website along with all related documents.