SSIS Faculty Council Minutes for February 4, 2015

Present: Data Barata, Orn Bodvarsson, Jacqueline Carrigan, Mark Brown (FC Chair), Megan Heinicke, Boatemoe Mosupyo, Yan (Joni) Zhou

Regrets: Michelle Durden, Jeff Foran, Dianne Hyson, Elvia Ramirez,

1. Mark Brown, the Chair of Council, opened the meeting at 1:30 pm.
2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting was postponed till next meeting.
3. Faculty Council agreed that the search for Director of Liberal Studies/Social Science Programs will stay within the College.
4. The Council approved that we will not have a student speaker at the spring commencement.
5. The Council deliberated on procedures for awarding course buy-outs as an incentive for faculty to write external grant applications. Some expressed a preference for providing professional development funding during the summer or winter break, rather than course buy-outs during the semester, so as to reduce the transfer of courses from tenure-track to non-tenure-track faculty.
6. The Council approved the formation of an SSIS Advisory Board with people from the community.
7. The Council approved the formation of a SSIS Global Engagement Task Force, balanced as much as possible according to departments/programs, regions of the world, and issue areas (e.g., trade, environment, security, etc.).
8. The Council approved the formation of a Downtown Public Affairs School Task Force with five faculty members (one from Government, one from PPA, and three at large), four center representatives, two students, two staff members, and two external stakeholders.
9. Meeting adjourned at 2:45PM

Minutes compiled by Joni (Yan) Zhou