

Faculty Senate Meeting
September 30, 2019
Minutes

Senators Present: Sara Freeman, Sarah Moore, Jairo Hoyos, Uchenna Baker, Alison Tracy Hale, Regina Duthely, Heather White, Megan Gessal, Chris Kendal, Jung Kim, Julia Looper, Mushawn Knowles, Laura Behling, Bill Beardsley.

1. Call to Order (Freeman) 12:02 PM
2. There were no announcements.
3. M/S/P approval of minutes of September 16, 2019
4. Reports:

ASUPS: Knowles reported a renewed focus of energy on infrastructure, including the redesign of the Rendezvous Room. He called on Senators to encourage students to run for office (deadline October 8) in the upcoming ASUPS election (October 16).

Staff Senate: Gessell (as liaison) announced that Ben Tucker had been elected as chair.

5. Senate Liaison reports:

ASC: Tracy Hale (for MacBain) relayed proposed changes to ASC selfcharges:

Prior to its implementation by the Division of Student Affairs, provide consultation on the mandatory departure policy developed by CHWS and the Office of the Dean of Students.

Evaluate the revised policy for students' medical leaves of absence, including the mechanism for determining who will be responsible for reviewing and approving requests for both withdrawals and re-enrollments. Upon satisfactory review, recommend the new policy for implementation.

M/S/P Accept the revisions to the ASC self-charges.

Curriculum Committee:

Looper conveyed the committee's concern about the appropriateness of the Senate charge regarding the development of a summer bridge program. The committee feels its role to be one of curricular oversight not curricular development and suggests that the Senate form an ad hoc committee (with CC liaison) to develop such a program. After some discussion it was generally agreed that such an ad hoc committee should be formed. The charge will be appropriately revised at the next meeting.

There were also brief reports from liaisons to LMIS, UEC, IEC, CTF and BTF.

6. Report of the subcommittee to draft charges to form an ad hoc committee on contingent faculty:

White reported for the subcommittee and presented the draft charge (Appendix A). During the ensuing discussion Behling suggested that the Associate Dean for Graduate Programs be added to the proposed committee. She also suggested that the charges be made less specific and recommended modelling the committee on those formed at other institutions. She suggested an emphasis on the gathering of information about “best practices” and guiding principles from both internal and external sources, the evaluation of this information and a recommendation about next steps. She also suggested that a deadline for this work be imposed.

Moore suggested that the committee be smaller and more compact while retaining the ability to reach out for additional consultation when appropriate.

The subcommittee (White, Gessel and Beardsley) will make another attempt at drafting charges.

7. Presentation on processes related to potential new graduate programs.

Behling offered an abbreviated edition of a presentation to be delivered to the full faculty at its next meeting. After an overview of the history of the institution, an update on the current state of its graduate programs and a brief review of the work of our consultants and internal working groups, Behling turned the focus to three potential new areas of graduate study, in Public Health, Health Care Administration, and Sports and Fitness Administration. She outlined a process beginning with an invitation to interested faculty and other stakeholders to work on these proposals, continuing through review by the Curricular Committee and approval by the Faculty culminating in final Board approval and review by regional and specialized accreditation agencies. There followed a brief discussion.

8. Discussion of SET committee recommendations.

The Senate proceeded to a discussion of the SET recommendations from the SET’s April 2019 year-end report. A wide ranging discussion seemed to arrive at a consensus that more systematic work on the design, use and interpretation of student evaluations of teaching was needed before specific recommendations could be forwarded to the PSC for implementation.

9. Meeting Adjourned 1:30

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Beardsley