

Minutes – Faculty Senate Meeting – 9-21-18

1. Welcome

12:49 Donni calls meeting to order.

2. Acceptance of minutes from May 2018 Retreat

Question regarding task force for test optional. Why did AC Press write that the faculty voted to support the move to test-optional when we did not? Confirmed that the AC Press got it wrong.

Question about the issue of athletes registering early. Decided to discuss later.

Minutes approved.

Reminder – Senators need to be present at meetings even though we are now Zoom-capable.

3. Election of executive committee members

Call for nominations for at-large members of Senate Executive Committee.

- Kerrin Wolf nominated and accepted.
- Manish Madan self-nominated.
- Norma Boakes self-nominated.

Without objection, they are elected.

4. Election/nominations of vice chairs for each Senate standing committees

Academic Policies – Robin Hernandez-Mekonnen

Academic Programs and Planning – Manish Madan

Administration and Finance – Betsy Erbaugh

General Studies – John O’Hara

Information and Tech & Media Services – Chenyan Xu

Library – Elma Kaiser

Research & Professional Development – Kory Olson

Student Affairs – Arleen Gonzalez

Action Items

1. Task force on sexual and gender-based violence

Vote on approving task force: passes unanimously

Information Items

1. Joint task force (Senate and Union) on faculty leadership positions – Rodger Jackson

Both faculty and administration decided that the new coordinator agreement has important issues that need to be addressed. Consequently, they are creating a new task force composed of both Senate and Union members. Findings from task force will return to the Senate.

Questions: What about the timeline?

A: Fairly quick. We want list of members by next Senate meeting. We would expect them to do a great deal of work starting right away.

Comment: I recommend getting members from all schools.

A: We are. We are also including people teaching in graduate and undergraduate programs.

2. Renewal of PUBH – Tara Crowell

After about a year or so since suspending the Public Health Program, we have decided to renew the program.

Clarification from Provost Vermeulen: Proposals for programs are going to both Dean's Council and Senate, but don't necessarily need to go to the Dean's Council first.

Comment: We aren't voting on this because we only vote on new programs and the ending of programs. This program is just being renewed after being suspended. This is why it is an information item.

Question: What school is it in?

A: It will still be in Health Sciences.

Q: Has anyone considered including minors related to Business?

A: Our majors already get minors in Business. Eventually, Public Health could become its own program.

Comment: Classes on leadership might also be something you may want to consider.

A: Yes, maybe.

3. Atlantic City update – Michelle McDonald

We have 115 courses this semester and 76 for spring of 2019. We want to get more for the spring. When considering teaching in AC, we are just shy of 71% enrollment. Other statistics on enrollment were presented. Transportation is going well. The Shuttles are well-used (+ or – 1000 riders) and have been on time. Parking has been abundant. Overflow lot has not been necessary. Offices:

Member with office in AC: I love it. I do hope the key cards start working soon though.

Member with office in AC: It's great.

Member with office in AC: The shuttle leaves 5 minutes after my class ends, so it's hard to keep students around.

Michelle: Shuttles leave every 45 minutes, and since students can't take back-to-back courses at AC and Galloway, they should be able to stay, catch the next shuttle, and still get to Galloway with plenty of time make their next class.

(More discussion regarding details of shuttle/commuting)

Q: Why can't we just adjust Banner so that students cannot register for back-to-back courses at different campuses?

A: We're working on it.

Member: I am also teaching in AC and I love it but I have an issue with my phone.

Michelle: We have strong IT staff but have had few issues with the classrooms.

Member: I'm concerned about having to drive from AC and get a parking spot here at Galloway for a meeting mid-day.

A: We can't do much about that.

Member: I'm very happy with my experience teaching there. The technology is great.

Member: When we schedule classes in AC, can we try to coordinate course in AC and Galloway so that we have fewer students who will want to take back-to-back courses at the two campuses.

Member: I'm moved by how well things are going with AC and by all the work that people have put in to it.

Discussion Items

1. The Senate's role in strategic planning - Provost

Thank you for the feedback you have given. The consultants will now be working on a second draft. This will go forward through the Provost Office. We will have five teams involved in working on this, each including faculty. There could be a committee made by the Senate or you could use an appropriate existing committee.

Question: How will staff and CWA be included in this process?

A: We will include representatives from them too.

Question: What happens after the second draft is written?

Peter B.: Our contract the consultants will end and it will then be up to us to work on this.

Question: When will we know that the draft is final?

A: It has to be approved by the Board. What happens before then is up to us.

Donni: We will be seeking feedback from faculty and present it to administration.

Regarding early registration, we are still looking into what is happening – who exactly is able to register early, etc.

Meeting ends 1:57.