

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2021

Agenda

1. Motion to endorse Middle States Report
2. BFA in Creative Writing Proposal (First Reading)
3. Educational Effectiveness Plan Presentation
4. Faculty Senate Resolution to Facilitate Academic Advising to First Year Student Enrollment
5. Provost response to Faculty Senate Resolution on changing the withdrawal deadline for Fall 2021

Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 12:46 p.m.
2. The minutes from the December Senate meeting were approved by affirmation.
3. A request for nominees for the recently vacated Vice Chair of RPD Committee was made. The individual who is elected to fill this position will serve through the end of AY 2022. Arlene Gonzalez was elected by affirmation.
4. Union's notification about Peer Evaluation Training- this matter is being deferred to the Faculty Senate meeting in January. Faculty Senate Executive will ask Provost Kahanov to attend January meeting as well to address this issue.
5. Request for Faculty affirmation of Middle States Report- Dr. Robert Heinrich, Chief Enrollment Management Officer, provided a status update on the Middle States Report. Two open forums well held in November and although the report is in final draft format, additional suggestions are still welcomed. Dr. Heinrich also reported that the Board of Trustee motion to endorse the 2021 Middle States Report has been rescheduled to the Board of Trustee's meeting in February 2022. The Executive motion to endorse the 2021

Middle States Report for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education for the upcoming accreditation was voted on and passed unanimously.

6. The first reading of the proposal for the BFA in Creative Writing was presented by Cynthia Arrieu-King, Associate Professor of Creative Writing and Nathan Log, Professor of Creative Writing. Second reading of this proposal will be at the January Faculty Senate meeting on Friday, January 28th, 2022. Any additional questions should be emailed to Cindy or Nathan.
7. Alaina Walton, Director of Academic Assessment gave a power point presentation of the Educational Effectiveness plan. Alaina highlighted assessment teams as being an essential component of the plan and that the goal is to provide the teams with resources. Alaina then provided a brief review of the status of the following assessment teams:
 - a. Program Assessment Team (PAT)
 - b. Assessment Review Team (ART) – expected to be operational in January and faculty involvement is needed.
 - c. Educational Planning and Assessment (EPAT) – expected to resume functioning and faculty involvement is needed.

Alaina concluded her presentation emphasizing the importance of faculty involvement on each of assessment teams and can be contacted via email for any additional information or questions.

8. Executive Senate Committee Resolution on Academic Advising Registration Pilot-
Provost Kahanov provided an overview about the registration pilot model that is being implemented by Academic Advising in Spring 2022. Provost Kahanov reported that the

aim is to foster deeper engagement with students. She emphasized that this pilot is only for full time first year students, that no transfer students will be involved and that eliminating precepting is not the intent of this trial. Provost Kahanov explained that the pilot is being run in the spring due to the smaller number new students and the outcome of the pilot will be reviewed in March and April moving forward. Motion was made to vote on the Senate Executive Committee's resolution endorsing the Academic Advising Registration Pilot Program was made. Motion was approved with a vote of 28 in favor and 3 opposed.

9. Informational-

- a. The Provost's response to the Faculty Senate's Resolution regarding late withdrawal was acknowledged.
- b. The Next 50 Years and Beyond (2021) is still in need of new co-chairs, any interested faculty or staff are welcome to submit an email of interest to Senate Executive.
- c. Office of the President is seeking suggestions for commencement speakers for 2022 commencement ceremony.

10. Meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.