

Faculty Assembly Meeting Minutes Sept. 1, 2016

President Tyrrell calls meeting to order 10:30am

1. Explains purpose and functioning/procedure of Faculty Assembly and Senate to new faculty. Meeting agenda will set out priorities of the senate for the coming year; notes items accomplished or still in progress from last year. Brief overview of May retreat and priorities gleaned from it for this coming year. Highlighted Board of Trustees under Deininger instituted bi-monthly informal meetings with senate and union presidents.
2. Senate Priorities:
 - a. Will begin work on training for committee chairs based on feedback from last year. Get former and incoming chairs to converse in fall; spring semester will work on training of committee members.
 - b. Revisions to lifecycle document are still needed. Recharge committee to look at it with some new guidelines; previous document too regressive.
 - c. Centers and Institutes procedures document needs some work so delayed second reading based on Questions in 1st Senate reading.
 - d. Modules Task Force created and finished last year. Challenge to change class times; meeting time now difficult for many with family obligations (kids, elderly parents, etc.) thus dissuades junior faculty from serving. Three recommendations conservative: move meeting times to earlier in day, experiment with class times in AC, and pan-uni task force to study more. 1st reading done at May retreat with 2nd reading scheduled for Sept. 20th meeting. Task Force Report on Senate website. Question: What is impact on student participation in groups if meeting time changed? Problem investigated in report but final outcome still unknown.
 - e. Endorse middle states report in December.
 - f. Discussion of course load in General Studies.
 - g. Research money now available for adjunct faculty so inquire about part time faculty. Often hire full time from part time and that time counts for tenure so do not want that faculty to start in a difficult research position.
 - h. Stockton moving in positive direction for African-American and Hispanic/Latinx enrollment and hires but the university is still behind local, state, and national figures. Search Advocate Program model at Oregon State under consideration. Development of Atlantic City campus might help with attracting students and maybe faculty from diverse groups. International faculty/students are count separately, not included in the diversity assessment.
 - i. Atlantic City Task Force continues.
 - j. Shared Governance Task Force continues. Its recommendations come through the Senate. Chief concern: what academic programs will be going to Atlantic City. Provost is using the bottom up approach looking at program, school, then to administration levels. Created sub-committees to focus on academics, students, and administration & finance. The number of faculty on those committees has been expanded. Kesselman is gathering resources from local business for programs already in Atlantic City.
 - k. Tuition Reimbursement Task Force has not started work yet. Will be looking at individuals taking classes while employed at Stockton.

1. R&PD committee looking into course releases.
- m. General Studies application process to be streamlined.
3. Eight school senators need to be elected in the spring for 2 year appointments. Reconvening the Nominating committee because Senate needs a Vice President, Donni Allison will be running. Will need a new president, secretary, grad representative, etc. at the end of spring semester.
4. Constitutional changes being considered. Changes need 2/3 senate and 2/3 Faculty Assembly approval. Changes may be to attendance on senate and senate committees addressing medical issues. Changes may be to role of ex officio members on standing committees. Might want to restrict voting of ex officio in order to limit influence of dean/provost appointees on the committee. Changes may be to staggering committee membership in order to keep continuity because potential for wholesale turnover. This year has a lot of turnover at the chair level. Should chairs be senators? Currently every Vice Chair is a senator.
5. Open microphone portion:
 - a. Issue of ex officio, less about administrators voting and more about their constant presence. Senate can clear administrators by closes session but committees can not do that. Abuses through filibustering or dominate discussion especially when there is a lot of junior faculty on the committee. Constitution administrators have right to be in room at all times. Committees belong to the senate. Tyrrell: that idea came up. Vote might be symbolic, some administrators do recuse themselves. Administrators do play important role by bringing information to avoid unrealistic recommendations.
 - b. Clarification about medical policy attendance for senators. Not meant to be punitive. Current policy not address medical leave.
 - c. Partner with corporations in Atlantic City but concern over transparency of these relations. What procedures for transparency? Tyrrell: don't know details but should be filtered through organizations that already handle gifts. Anonymous not issue as much as conditions of gifts.
 - d. Tuition reimbursement, sole negotiating body for that is the union. Faculty Assembly/Senate can get temperature but Union handles it, still can send concerns to senators. Do keep separate issues of senate and union.
 - e. Any comments on module task force, report has been sent up to provost and going through administrative channels. Issue on modules, especially meeting times, encourage reading report and students' dislike of it as well as faculty. Encourage talking to senators about issue.
 - f. Training by HR on micro-aggression and bullying. Stockton has a policy but dismissed as covered in student code of conduct, but it doesn't seem to cover beyond protected classes. Doesn't cover bullying in all situations.
 - g. Growth of 2% concerning, feels like Ponzi scheme. How large can we get? How do we finance university when can't keep growing? Tyrrell: philosophy based on money from state, especially since declining funding from state. Senate can always make a statement about it.
 - h. Green campus issue. Federal and state government offering incentives to purchase electric vehicles. Stockton should consider installing electrical vehicle stations and use emission free cars. Tyrrell: there is no 240 volt stations on campus.

- i. Trigger warnings issue brought up, no further discussion.
- j. Can tech committee consider a bibliographic software for campus wide use. Same issue with GIS 10 years ago which now has a university wide license. Some computer labs do have bibliographic software on their computers but this is limited.
- k. Diversity issues coming up: Search Advocate Program — those trained will be asked to sit on hiring committee so can be an outside person from program; look for emails soliciting people. Also doing a climate survey online based on UC Berkeley, soliciting participation and will include bullying and micro-aggressions.
- l. Are students involved in decision to have presence in AC. Tyrrell: mixed response from previous student survey during Showboat era. Mark difference in students based on their program between studying or living in AC. Important to recognize AC campus appeal to different students than those coming here now; more urban than rural oriented.
- m. Issue of public transportation, taking a bus is too long of time. Shuttle from EHC train station but nothing from Absecon train! Shuttle to Seaview not going to Absecon! Shuttles can't do bicycles either but train is unlimited for them. Shuttling to/from Hammonton also problematic. No available transportation affects number of classes and enrollment. Satellites need transportation. Service Learning can do well in Hammonton but undercut by transportation issue.
- n. Recruiting for faculty for R&PD.
- o. Library used to have McNaughton collection but now gone for cost saving. Hope library committee revisit.

Tyrrell encourages people to speak to senators and executive for any issues. Senate meetings are open to faculty.

Closes meeting at 11:45am.