

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes October 18 2016

Tyrrell calls senate meeting to order 4:35pm

1. Approval of Senate minutes September 20, 2016. No corrections or objections.
2. Nominations and Election of At Large Executive Committee Member:
 - a. Tyrrell reads charge of the position. Open for nominations. Allison nominates John Bulevich, seconded. No further nominations thus closed. No objections, Bulevich voted at-large Executive member.
3. Revisions to Procedure 2019 and Policy II-17, Student Status – Categories and Criteria (Second Reading):
 - a. Revision of section IIC for international students taking a full load and viability of students returning after being academically dismissed. Value of 12 credit cap not proven and disadvantages flat rate tuition. Revisions allow 16 credits in first semester upon reinstatement. Maximum of credits was 24 but now 32. Student must maintain 2.0 GPA. Questions: Clarification of non-academic requirements. Clarification of using terms “program” or “university” standards. Suggested wording adjustment IA to include line about cumulative GPA for clarification not necessary, would change the meaning of the policy. New START program, mentioned but policy contained in another document. Call for vote on procedure by Bulevich, seconded. Electronic voting, A approves, B Rejects. 29 in favor and 1 against. Procedure passes. Policy vote, A to approve and B reject. 26 in favor and 2 against. Policy passes.
4. Centers and Institutes Procedure (Second Reading):
 - a. Main concern in senator email discussions is that the senate not really in the approval process. Senate will look at edits first and vote on them before addressing the procedure itself.
 - b. Edits: Deletion of interdisciplinary and research since there are centers that are discipline specific or focus on service. Included capacity building since focus of some centers. Include language about funding from university and external sources as well as language on education and training. Director added so not just advisory board that can make modifications. Changes try to include shared governance structure but leaves president in charge of final approval.
 - c. Questions: suggestions on phrasing “...may be initiated by the center or the university but...” Clarification what a divisional VP is: VP of academic affairs, VP admin and finances, etc. Suggest change language that only those centers housed in Academic Affairs be referred to senate so those in External Affairs, etc. not have to be passed through senate. Senator argues that limiting to Academic Affairs cuts out senate committees such as admin and finance. Motion Burdick language change “...considered by the appropriate faculty senate....” Seconded. Call for a vote on the changes by Boakes, seconded. Electronic voting, A in favor and B opposed. 31 to 0 changes passed.

- d. Discussion/questions on procedure none. Bulevich call to vote, seconded. Electronic voting, A approve and B oppose. 31 to 0, procedure passes.
5. Disability, Accessibility and Reasonable Accommodations Policy (First Reading):
- a. Grammatical changes only so far to the policy. Procedures being drafted that will match with the policy. 1st reading so not voting. Questions: suggest removal of exact location of the office in case it moves. More grammatical corrections.
6. Informational item Atlantic City campus:
- a. Asked to be rescheduled for November. Changes to building materials for cost considerations, have gone to bond recently for the building, purchased smaller building and renovating which houses Levinson center and some administration functions. Questions: about availability of computer labs. Provost discusses survey and resulting concept paper (due Nov. 4th) about plans for AC, meaning of an “anchor institution” to the faculty, changes can be made to layouts as long as not complicated (can’t put in specialty science lab), request/proposals of programs wanting to be in AC. Spacing committee with Ingram for main campus; AC could be used for temporary housing of programs and concept of shared space. Townhalls upcoming for AC information.

Burdick moves to adjourn meeting. Approved by unanimous consent. Meeting adjourned at 5:40pm.