

Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee
Minutes
February 13, 2020

Present: Wendy Cook, Eric Foch, Jackie Krause, Dan Lipori, Gail Mackin, Megan Matheson, Andy Piacsek, Rose Spodobalski-Brower, Julia Stringfellow, Josh Welsh, Ke Zhong

Absent: David Douglas

Guests: None

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes of January 23, 2020 were approved as presented.

Chair Updates

Charge 04 (Incompletes), Charge 03 (Title IX Policy on Syllabi) and Charge 06 (Grad School Policies) were all passed at last Senate Meeting.

Old Business

- a. Charge 14: Class Attendance Policy (EC Feedback).
(Postponed. Josh will ask Walter for feedback via email.)

New Business

- a. Charge 08: Student Behaviors in Academic Settings

Discussion of how this language overlaps with Academic Appeals and Academic Dishonesty policies. Mechanisms already in place for Student Behaviors policy. Does each college need their own Student Behavior policy? Does each college need their own committee regarding student behaviors?

"P(7) Consequences of Disruptive Behavior in Academic Settings" section and its process was discussed.

R(5) 3. Change language to "The Dean will solicit nominations for faculty representatives from department chairs."

Josh will send this to Walter who will take to the deans for review at their meeting.

- b. Charge 09: Determine role of AAC in interpretation of academic policy

The committee's interpretation of policy was discussed. Who has the final say in interpreting policy?

"(6) FSCC reports and makes recommendations to the faculty senate concerning the following" language was revised to "make recommendations to the faculty senate Executive Committee."

"When questions of academic interpretation arise..." revised language was discussed. Andy

made a motion to approve, Megan seconded. Motion passed.

c. Charge 10: Develop a set of procedures to mirror 5-90-060 outlining the process of creating, reorganizing, and renaming academic units.

Gail shared concerns from her meeting with the associate deans who shared issues resulting from updates of People Soft. When a unit change is approved by the president, there should be a process to establish what needs to be changed and share that with affected units. What was approved, what changes need to be made, and were the changes made. This is more procedure than policy. This will deal with 25Live, curriculum, and catalog changes.

AAC will hold off on this charge for now and it is not due until April.

Josh suggested adding a sentence to the current policy about how this should be implemented. Timeline of reviews and process was discussed. This type of change has to meet the January deadline from the Registrar.

Procedures should be added to the policy.

Meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Next Meeting:
February 27, 2020
Barge 304