

Executive Committee Meeting

March 8, 2019

Present: A. Workman, R. Cole, S. Bosco, L. D'Amore, R. Soto

Absent: A. Updike

Faculty Senate President Bosco Questions and Updates on 3/6 Senate business:

When will the new bank info be announced to Senate?

A Workman: Kathy Kanterman can attend a meeting to help describe how new bank relationship would affect depts. (follow-up – both Kathy and Jerry Williams are working on the transition US Bank from Wells Fargo)

We have appointed two faculty to Morale Committee

The work of the Emeritus Committee is done

NECHE – reminder to provide letter

R. Cole: Will have it in time to attach to March minutes

Master Planning session was held with Senate –

Are there updates being made to Sailing Center?

A Workman: That is dock work – we had to designate to marina status so we can have a safer dock

Also, a 2-acre test plot for aquaculture

Could potentially put another dock – for boat launching

Funds for dock work - \$150K – were from a donor

VP Senate Soto: How are the Mt Ida cohort of students being tracked, supported?

A Workman: Via Civitas – the transition was tough, but Student Life and CSAS are working with them

R. Cole: What were your hopes from that question? Related to future recruitment from closing institutions?

Soto: had two in class, not quite finding their way

A Workman: will follow up – want to make future processes more effective for seniors, transfers, community college students,

VP Soto: Will faculty be receiving the new program list provided by ASEM? –

R. Cole: That list was a record of brainstorming. Actual programs would be proposed by faculty.

Board understands that ASEM info has triggered people to look at what's out there in terms of IPEDs data, what are other students interested in, what are employers looking for, what are we doing ourselves – some outcomes so far:

Math & Environmental Science

JD/MBA

Soto: Who will be following up with departments about the suggestions they received?

Cole: Deans

FSCC Motions: Multiple curricular motions were passed including re-vote on Web Dev/CIS

Motion RE: preferred name policy for faculty and staff

A Workman will bring it to Cabinet for next stage of implementation

Academic Standards and Policies motions–

Motion 1: Concern related to ASEP: could we have the folks running this program to offer a session to communicate what happens with ASEP? Communication is a concern – As ASEP has evolved and is more effective and robust, but we don't know the extent to which it exists. We can be helpful if we know about it.

VP Soto: At what point after fall semester is a student on probation?

R Cole: Dec. 29th and 30th processing grades, prelim classification for: probation, continued probation, freshmen probation, suspension,

dismissal, dean looks through (another week), suspension or dismissal appeals well into January, first day of classes is really when you know for certain

ASEP is students who technically should be suspended or dismissed;

Someone in CSAS office can come and deliver a couple info sessions

R Cole: Clarifying that this motion is specific to ASEP – not all communication between student and advisor, there are a lot of reasons why that relationship should be confidential –

VP Soto: ASEP info isn't on the website

R Cole: Is this motion about approval of schedule changes?

Soto: This motion is about notification.

Cole: CSAS does a good job with general advising and follow through with students, and faculty are better with degree-specific nuances

Motion #2

Faculty should be notified when students file graduation applications.

R Cole: Maybe this is a problem caused by the transition of the system? Will follow up with Registrar.

Motion #3

Health insurance – international student insurance has been outsourced. We were showed a bill – student was sent a bill for \$1200, claiming that US insurance was lacking. Is there an office on campus that can follow through on this work?

Cole: Will ask Mark Leonetti, and will research this issue more. If he could have specific info about specific students, then Leonetti can work backwards with them. How many students has this happened to?

Updates from A. Workman:

Transition planning underway. He meets with new President next Friday – March 15th

Invites write up of suggestions about good ways for faculty to be introduced. School based? Department based? (follow-up – EC met with Jerry Williams to schedule faculty sessions outside of school/department sessions)

Wants to get as much info to him before May 19th as possible. What great stories can he tell to raise money?

Follow up to previous meeting on town/gown relations and space: (EC questions listed with responses in red)

1. What type of agreement(s) do we have with the town related to our use of space, e.g. restrictions on construction we may want to do?

There is a university overlay district in the town zoning by-law that stipulates several geometric restrictions (e.g. building height, setback from the front lot line, etc.). Additionally, we front on a state scenic corridor which has other implications for the approval of development proposals.

Also, the master plan we are crafting is subject to a public hearing and approval by the Town every 5 years per the town by-law. Subsequent RWU projects seeking approval must be reflected in the approved master plan.

2. Do we have any representation on the town council for these types of issues?

We have a town councilman who is assigned as a liaison to the university, but does not necessarily advocate for our interests. John King has acted as our representative to the Town since Pete Wilber departed.

3. What is the plan for the water tower as far as its expiring warranty (it was said to be okay for 12 years and we are at that mark)?

Pending response

Respectfully submitted,

Executive Committee, Faculty Senate

