

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Minutes

December 7, 2018

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

President Bosco opened by asked for an update on University College, as relates to Faculty Senate oversight of that curriculum.

AW: We are negotiating with NEASC, they have an annual meeting in December, and will have more to report after that

President Bosco updated on the motions of the Faculty Senate Meeting on December 5th:

- Formation of Open House Committee via Admissions and Enrollment
- Faculty Happy Hour/Social Hour
 - December 11th 4-6pm
 - Co-sponsored with Provost

R. Soto: Will this be the only one co-sponsored with the Provost?

R. Cole: \$800 is half my budget, will other groups co-sponsor? Can others share a bit in the future?

A Workman: Remember – the formation of a Faculty Club could keep it going;

A Workman: He and Marybeth are hosting a series of teas in The Residence beginning in February

R. Soto: Is this related to the morale committee?

A Workman: It's just a good thing to do

Concern about each curriculum committee managing procedures so differently.

R. Cole: copied the quote of the policy and asked deans to make sure their schools were brought into compliance –

They will follow the policy, maybe give them some time to get things in order.

Happy to learn that Bill Seymour is involving faculty with master planning process – Steering nominated Anne Tait and Dale Leavitt (as back up)

Policy about online courses (one course per year) (signatures)– where does that policy live, how long has it been around?

A. Workman: if it's not in the catalog, then it doesn't exist.

The Senate vote was that each department will determine approval process for their majors regarding online courses.

A Workman: concerned about the administration of it, and the Registrar having to keep track of individually, departmentally determined policies

R. Cole: Will meet with Academic Standards and Policies to talk about why this potentially problematic.

S. Bosco: Doesn't negate Doug White's concern –

R. Cole: we could exempt his program. Lift restrictions short term (Network Security and Cyber Security)

R. Soto: How we run and manage online has changed in the past 10 years. Maybe we should examine online courses and where we are with them. Training? Certificate? Re-organize online option and revamp if it needs to be revamped.

Updates about Curriculum Committee motions

Open for questions:

R. Soto: Clock tower numbers are fading. Noted and this will be added to maintenance items.

S. Bosco: Carnegie classification application – where are we? What type of process? What are we putting in for?

A Workman: Arnold Robinson is leading the team. This is a classification only for Civic Engagement. Criteria to meet – opportunity every 5 years. Carnegie Foundation for Teaching. Gold Standard for what we say we do. Need to provide data. 52% of graduating class had a CPC project. Jen Dunseith is helping. We are getting a lot of competition on outcomes and experiential learning – we are looking for good numbers with honest data – our proportion of students who do this work is actually larger than other campuses

When we count for credit internships, undergraduate research, study abroad, CPC - 90+% of students have done these.

+ Senior Engineering projects and non-credit internships may get us to 100%

77% of students have two of these experiences.

R Soto: Will it become required?

A Workman: When it's required, people do it half-heartedly.

R. Soto: Should we expect a similar list for faculty to what was sent to deans regarding their activities re: Diversity and Inclusion?

R. Cole: There are many faculty working on those issues.

S. Bosco: There has been nothing formal in the D&I task force plans about checklists

R. Cole: It is for administration and staff, holding them responsible for these commitments

A. Workman: John King will ask for two faculty reps for Morale Committee –

A. Workman: Will be seeking two faculty reps for Honorary Degree committee (Senators Topf and Pearce will serve)

R. Cole: Will set date for January appeals for students – R. Shea will reach out to Senator Tehrani.

Respectfully submitted,
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