

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

2 November 2018

Senators present: Chuck Conaway, Kenny Purcell, Brandon Field, Charlotte Connerton, Rex Strange, Al Holen, Ethel Elkins, Mary Doerner, Rich Bennett, Wes Durham, Oana Popescu-Sandu, Peter Cashel-Cordo, Perry Burnett, Gongjun Yan.

Other attendees: Mohammed Khayum, Michael Dixon, Peter Whiting, Andrea Wright, Amy Chan-Hilton, Sarah Stevens.

- Meeting called to order: 2:32 pm.
- Previous minutes approved with minor amendment. Approved unanimously with three abstentions.
- Chair's Report from Chuck:
 - Elections/Appointments
 - Rex Strange will serve as the Faculty Representative on the New Program Development Committee (2018-2020).
 - Two faculty members for Faculty Senate nomination for CETL Advisory Board. Vote taken by ballot. Winner was: Adrian Gentle. Chuck will notify the nominees.
 - Chuck has received no other responses about the non-Senate committees.
 - Chuck was asked by John Farless to send him the Faculty Senate meeting agendas, he will do that in the future.
 - Regarding the Survey Governance Policy, there will not be a draft of the appeals process to be added.
 - Spring meeting on January 2nd will begin at 10am.
 - Breakout sessions planned: Kat Draughon (Data Governance), Nick LaRowe and Tom Longwell (Dealing with Stressed Students), Ronda Stone (American with Disabilities Act—especially in terms of dealing with service animals), Mellisa Hall (New Program Development Committee), Michael Dixon and Shelly Blunt (Reporting Academic Integrity Violations).
 - The Library would like to have a breakout session as well. Peter will let him know the details.
 - Chuck will contact Jeanne McAlister about having a session on the new SETs.
 - There have been a number of faculty members that have volunteered to have their Fall 2018 courses use the new SET questions.
 - FASTRC committee may be forwarding a recommendation to Senate asking the Colleges to nominate at least one, or maybe one and only one faculty member for the faculty members.
 - Budget hearings will take place in January, even though we won't know what sort of appropriation will be made from the state until April. The suggestion was made that the presentation be on spending priorities of the faculty.
 - At the USI Board of Trustees meeting, 1 Nov, Chuck mentioned to them the charge about Open Access Publication and the charges that may be needed to maintain publications in the future.

- Chuck brought the charge about the evidence faculty are to provide for service activity to the Chairs and Directors meeting. The opinion is that there is more clarity needed in the request for service evidence, especially with regard to the wording that implies that the *impact* of service activities should be discussed: the impact of activities is difficult to measure, and evidence would be difficult to provide.
- Provost's report:
 - From the Board of Trustees meeting yesterday.
 - One of the presentations was by the students of the UNITE cube sat program. The student-built satellite was delivered to Houston last month.
 - Presentation about the Advising Center from the College of Business. Using a student retention model that produces a probability of whether or not the student will stay at USI. Advising Center at RCoB has been developing ways to use those predictor data to make meaningful decisions regarding students' behaviors to increase retention.
 - There will be a presentation to the Commission of Higher Ed meeting next Thursday from a student and two former students about their experiences at USI.
- Open Access Journal charge:
 - Peter Whiting is starting the Scholarly Communications unit that will be doing the checks and balances on the journals. Peter is proposing a form that will be developed to be used to request the Library to make sure that the journals are reputable.
 - Motion was made to ask the Library to develop this approval form and present it to Faculty Senate. Seconded. Approved with one opposition.
- Charge for Normalization of compensation among LLC faculty sponsors.
 - Motion to endorse proposed compensation document. One minor amendment to allow for variations in payment disbursements in the case that faculty members could not be paid because of HR limitation on faculty payment.
- Certificate definition document from Curriculum Committee was described by Rex. The draft document was reviewed and approved by the New Program Development Committee. Motion made to approve the draft and send it to the New Program Development Committee to implement.
 - Much discussion ensued about the nature of the "embedded" or "subsumed" question.
 - Amendment was made to clarify that section, which was accepted.
 - Motion was made to approve the definition, which was approved with two objections.
- Meeting adjourned: 4:27 pm.