

Senate Steering Committee Minutes

April 6, 2017

3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

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Attendees: Nicole Stedman, David Quillen, Ana Spiguel, Joe Glover, Angel Kwolek-Folland, Susan Schaffer, Sylvain Dore, Angela Lindner, Jim Seale, Ann Wehmeyer, Kent Fuchs, Linda Stump-Kurnick, Darren Baxley, Sue Alvers, Mike Sagas, and Jeannine Brady.

Nicole Stedman called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. and the March 2017 minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

Nicole Stedman, Chair

- Faculty Senate has two meetings left for 2016-2017. Dr. Stedman plans to highlight the councils and their accomplishments for the year.
- Last Distinguished Professor Lecture is April 10
- Academic Freedom and Responsibilities Symposium panelists did an amazing job.
 - Suggestion: We should have a workshop on Academic Freedom.
- Chair-Elect election is at April meeting
- Faculty Senate reception is April 18th

President's Report

Kent Fuchs, President

- Tom Mitchell, VP for Advancement, will update the "Go Greater" Campaign at the Senate meeting in April. This will be part of President's Report.
- Still a big difference between the State Senate and House budgets. We won't know for weeks what the legislature will approve for a budget.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

- Director for Institutional Research and Planning is ongoing.

Curriculum Committee

Angela Lindner, Associate Provost
Undergraduate Studies

- New Degree – [Education Sciences](#)
 - College of Education is requesting a new degree program – "Education Sciences"
- Name Change – [Soil and Water Sciences](#) (Courses and Elective) (BS)
 - The Soil and Water Science department was changed to the Soil and Water Sciences Department. The department is asking to add an "s" to the end of courses and electives.

Graduate Council

Angela Lindner, Associate Provost
Undergraduate Studies

- Name Change – [Soil and Water Sciences](#) (Courses - MS)
- Name Change – [Soil and Water Sciences](#) (Courses - PHD)
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Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Report

Mike Sagas, Faculty Athletics Rep

- Mike Sagas gave the annual IAC Report on the committee's activities during 2016-2017.

OAA Annual Awards Report

Angel Kwolek-Folland, Associate Provost
Academic and Faculty Affairs

- Dr. Kwolek-Folland explained what she planned to present at the May 11 Faculty Senate meeting

UPD 2016 Response to Resistance Report

Linda Stump-Kurnick
Chief, University Police Department
Assistant VP, Public and Environmental Safety

- Chief Stump-Kurnick reported on last year's response to resistance.
- Steering Committee members suggested that Chief Stump-Kurnick's presentation include responsibilities outside of patrolling and bring the bomb dogs to the meeting.

Council Reports

Research and Scholarship Council

Sylvain Dore, Member

- Council Recommendation on Project Management tool was submitted to the Senate. SCORS recommends creation of a working group with proper stakeholders to plan implementation of campus wide electronic tools to help faculty members to be more productive using Project Management software and electronic Lab Notebook.
- Discussed Inventory of Research Related Equipment with Mike Mahoney
- Marie Zeglen gave a presentation on Academic Analytics Research Expertise and Discovery Suite.

Infrastructure Council

Ann Wehmeyer, Chair

- Have had no specific issues. The council heard reports from contributing chairs.
- Lawsuits have entered the domain about ADA compliance. The university is working on a policy concerning websites and items that are posted must follow ADA standards.

Academic Policy Council

Susan Schaffer, Chair

- Continued discussion on Student incivility in classrooms.
- Joel Brendemuhl reported on reinstating the Academic Integrity Task Force.
- Continued discussion on course evaluation revisions
- More discussion on creating different options to extend the grading period.

Budget Council

James Seale, Chair

- Continues to work on the glossary of budget terms, the financial transparency portal and the revenue snapshot.

The Steering Committee approved the April 20, 2017 Faculty Senate agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.