

Faculty Senate 9-1-2017

Senators Attending: Douglas Carter, Jack Ayers, Dan Glaser, Lawrence Scott, Caroline O'Quinn, Suhko Lee, Rodolfo Valdez, Amy Porter, Claire Nolasco, Bob Shelton, Deirdre McDonald, Ann Bliss, Scott Peters, Andrew Sanders, Robert Vinaja, Jenny Wilson, Marina Narvaez, Corinna Ross

Senators Attending via Adobe Connect: Robin Kapavik

Visitors in Attendance: Katie Bridgeman, Megan Wise de Valdez, Myriam Jimena Guerra, , Marianne Phillips, Michael S. Parsons, and Robert Page

Welcome by President Amy Porter.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from May 2017 are given. Scott Peters motions for the minutes to be accepted. Claire Nolasco seconds. All agree to accept. Dan Glaser abstains.

Report from President of Faculty Senate, Amy Porter:

Provost O'Brien will not be attending Faculty Senate unless he is invited and given enough notice to attend. Faculty Senate can call him to a meeting, but he will not be in regular attendance. University President Matson will attend each meeting if available but will come towards the end today.

Evaluations of Deans and Chairs Subcommittee:

Porter continues: Over the summer, the department chairs were evaluated. This year the deans will be evaluated. The chairs were evaluated last year and the feedback is raw, but has been compiled. The deans will be emailed to help report the data concerning the chairs. Rodolfo Valdez puts forward that there is a question concerning what will happen with the evaluation data. He asks, "If they are given, what is it that the chairs will be doing as a result of these evaluations? What is the feedback?" President Porter says she will find out if there is a next step and if chairs go through the same process as the deans, as well as ask how the data from these evaluations is to be used.

Scott Peters motions for us to identify ourselves. All do. There are 21 in attendance.

HIP Subcommittee:

Andrew Sanders discusses HIP, an ad hoc committee of Faculty Senate. Recommendations will be made in December from the HIPS committee. They will also be adding a writing intensive component and an experiential learning component to the requirements. President Porter, Katie Bridgeman and Andrew Sanders compose the committee currently. Valdez is invited to join the committee and agrees. Bridgeman wants the committee to discuss the ways that the committee can meet the needs of the high impact practices. Andrew says that there are a lot of resource issues. Questions such as, "Is it study abroad? If we are being told to offer

these classes, how will it affect everyone? What is the organizational structure?” This is a part of the Provost’s request for information. Within the Senate committee however, recommendations can be set that will work for the students and colleges.

By Law Resolution:

College of Arts and Science and the College of Education have accepted, by vote, the bylaws. College of Business has not. Dan Glaser discusses the by laws as an intention for a “yes” and “no”. Dan reads the Resolution for Adopting and Amending College Bylaws (#09-01-2017-000001) aloud as follows:

A RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTING AND AMENDING COLLEGE BYLAWS

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate in the spring of 2017 debated and approved the College Bylaws after direct input from the Senate’s College Bylaws Task Force and with input from the Provost and VP of Academic Affairs, deans, departments heads, and faculty

WHEREAS, the approved College Bylaws state, “These bylaws will be adopted through approval by a simple majority of the full-time faculty of each college, with voting conducted through a secret ballot”

WHEREAS, mechanisms for creating standing and ad hoc committees and amending the bylaws for use by each college currently exist in the bylaws, according to each college’s governance needs

WHEREAS, confusion may exist among faculty and academic administrators, as to the process of adoption and, if adopted, subsequent adaptation of the bylaws by amendments to each college’s needs

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the College Bylaws will be adopted/or not adopted through a simple majority of the full-time faculty of each college, with voting conducted through a secret ballot. The vote shall be conducted no later than mid-November of 2017. The College Bylaws are defined here as the version approved by the Faculty Senate with no additional amendments or changes. If adopted, the college shall also vote at the same meeting to constitute standing committees by electing members, as is listed in the bylaws. If adopted, the college may also proceed, then or at a later date, to create additional standing and ad-hoc committees and to also amend the bylaws as needed by the college.

He motions for the acceptance of the resolution for the bylaws. The Motion to accept was made by Scott Peters and seconded by Caroline O’Quinn. Two colleges (A&S and COEHD) that have approved, but maintain the ability to amend them to fit their college needs. Glaser says that because they have already been voted upon, they are grandfathered in. Valdez asks if there is a number of times that the bylaws can be amended. Porter says there is no time frame, nor number of times. Glaser concurs. Suhko Lee says that there will be many different amendments added to the bylaws.

Glaser agrees that, yes, there will be and as the colleges grow and change, the colleges will pull away from the bylaws being the same. Nolasco wants to have the option to make the committees at a later date as per the bylaws, committees must be set at the time of vote. Dan reminds us that it is only for the College of the Business. Porter calls for a vote. 16 in favor. 0 opposed. The motion carries.

New Business:

Timely dissemination of letters: Bob Shelton discusses that there was much upheaval about faculty, staff and administration contract letters not coming in a timely fashion. Shelton asks for a committee to get together to look at the reappointment process. The committee would help to provide forethought for deadlines for evaluation. Porter says that there is system policy already in place for this. However, an ad hoc committee is formed to discuss deadlines for faculty, staff and administration. Bob Shelton will head that committee as well as Ann Bliss, Jenny Wilson and Dan Glaser who will represent from all colleges. They will make a recommendation to the Provost.

Facilities/Space Issues: Amy Porter discusses the space issues and room assignment issues. For example, some classes aren't in a computer lab that needs one, but classes that don't need the computers are being held in the lab. Amy Porter has opened a discussion in Town Square about this issue and encourages faculty and others to attend to the questions. Nolasco will comb through the discussion to find themes and thoughts and bring them to the next meeting.

Committee Nominations:

2017-2018 committees are nominated and then voted upon. Amy Porter makes a motion to accept nominations and assignments. 16 votes in favor of acceptance and they maintain the nominations as discussed.

Standing University Committees:

Space and Use Committee:

Keming Le

URC:

Amy Porter

Presidents Leadership Council:

Amy Porter

Claire Nolasco

University Library Committee:

Sukho Lee

Standing Faculty Senate Committees:

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee/Chair of this committee:

Wanyu Zang

Graduate Council:

Dan Glaser

Lawrence Scott

Faculty Development and Research:

Jack Ayres

Claire Nolasco

Rodolfo Valdez

Compliance and Grievance (1 Senator from each Unit):

Deidre McDonald

Andrew Sanders

Scott Peters

Douglas Carter

Election Committee (1 Senator from each Unit):

Marina Narvaez

Robert Vinaja

Robin Kapavik

Ann Bliss

Writing Across the Curriculum (1 is a chair)

Amy Porter

Caroline O'Quinn

Adjournment. 1:32pm