Academic Senate Minutes

02/25/2020
3:00-5:00 PM
Faculty Resource Center Training Room, A-116

1) Call to Order and Welcome
Meeting called to order at 3:03 PM

2) Public Comments: ten minutes (3-minute maximum per person) are set aside to receive comments on agenda items or items not on the agenda but within the authority (10+1) of the Senate.

3) Action Items
a) Adopt Agenda
MSC: (Kimbrough/Hough) to adopt agenda for February 25, 2020.

b) Consider Approval of minutes: February 11, 2020 meeting
MSC: (Ainsworth/Kimbrough) to approve February 11, 2020 minutes as presented.

c) College Re-Design Designs
MSC: (Hough/Kimbrough) to approve College Re-Design Designs with the following changes: Move Administration of Justice from under Social Sciences to Business, Agriculture & Industries.

d) AP 4021
MSC: (Ainsworth/Rodriguez) to approve AP 4021 as modified.
Motion made by Hough/Kimbrough to add: “any program in revitalization is still subject to annual program planning and review processes”.

The document with changes will be presented at AAC before it moves forward to College Planning Council.

4) Discussion and Information Items
   a) Update on Academic Calendar/Finals Week Schedule
      Lisa Storm
      Lisa gave an update, on the finals week schedule. It was decided to move finals back to Saturday, May 23, 2020 for Tuesday, Wed, Thurs, Friday classes. The only finals after commencement are for Saturday classes. Although, it is just late in the semester, it fixes the problem of having too many finals after graduation. There is concern that there are not enough hours for the Monday only classes, but we were told that it was vetted through the chancellor’s office. We are yet to receive the official communication from administration.

      Lisa also gave an update on the 2021 Academic Calendar. Spring Break for 2021 will take place March 15-20, 2021 this is what the board approved originally.

   b) Update on Tenure Review
      Lisa Storm
      Lisa updated the senate on tenure review, all recommendations have made, and next step is board approval. She thanked Cheryl for digitalizing the process. Discussion occurred on the onboarding and it was suggested faculty/senate could take ownership of onboarding, as there is less turnover. We want to continue to make this process seamless and efficient as we move forward, a focus group would be the best approach to continue making tenure review better. A suggestion was made to have a self-appraisal report due at the end of the semester with goals.

5) President’s Report

6) Announcements (Senators): Updates on Standing Committees/Governance Councils/Task Forces/ASCCC Events.

   Jason Hough brought up the current coronavirus outbreak, and suggested on being proactive and prepared for when it hits our community. It was agreed to invite Daniel Scott to the next senate meeting.

   Cynthia Ainsworth shared with the senate a project she is working on. She is creating a collection of dissertations from on-campus people with their doctorate, or who have published their research. The collection will be searchable. What she found to be exciting is connecting with faculty/staff and has noticed that the dissertations are a piece of them. It also shows how much we value these amazing thinkers that we work with every day.

7) Adjournment-President Storm adjourned the meeting at 4:19 p.m.