

Academic Senate Council Meeting

August 29, 2018

Minutes

Attending: Boysen, Frett, Horn, Huitt, Karim, MacMillan-Crow, Martin, Miller, Nagel, Post, Selig, Smith-Olinde, Stack

Not Attending: James, Lefler, Matthews, Renard, Rosenbaum, Whited, Willett

Guests: Freeman, Hayar, Parham, Prather, Mahendren

- I. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes
 - a. Called to order at 2:00 PM
 - b. April, 2018: Approval as presented moved by Post, seconded by Frett, passed on hand vote
 - c. July, 2018: Approval as presented moved by Post, seconded by Miller, passed on hand vote
- II. Introductions of new members/guests
 - a. Corey Nagle, CON officer
 - b. Saleema Karim, COPH officer
 - c. James Selig, COPH officer
 - d. Grover Miller, COM, parliamentarian
 - e. Steve Post, Member at Large, COM
 - f. Abdallah Hayar, Chair, Communications Committee and WebMaster
 - g. Mahedevan Mahandren, guest
 - h. Brendan Stack, Member-at-Large, COM
 - i. Paul Prather, COM, Chair, Research Committee
 - j. Brendan Frett, COP officer
 - k. Jon Parham, Provost's Office, guest
 - l. Emily Freeman, Faculty Center
 - m. Leah Horn, GSA
- III. Report from each College officer's/term updates
 - a. College Representatives to meet at least quarterly with deans for communication
 - b. The Senate Council needs two new college representatives for COM
 - c. Member-at-Large role: represent the entire faculty, not any one unit; bring forward any concerns from any faculty
- IV. Committee Reports
 - a. Communications – nothing to report; any reaching out to possible new members
 - b. Faculty Affairs – Huitt met with Compadre (former Chair) and Emily Freeman to set the possible agenda for this committee; Huitt has reached out to the current members and is in the process of scheduling a meeting

- i. Reviewing survey, revamp and redo
 - ii. Take suggestions from faculty at large for initiatives, now that we are past 405.1 and the task force on peer review and remediation process
 - c. Research – holding off on meeting due to the possible Huron software purchase; held off because 1) summer and 2) before ask staff to come explain the situation to the committee - Ahnstadt and Principe; Prather will invite them to committee to provide information before the committee commences discussion. It was suggested that Rebecca Nicholson and Troy Walls would be more appropriate to speak to the issues; the current software, Tracks, is also a Huron product; however, UAMS has been tweaking that software on its own for years, resulting in Huron offering only one additional upgrade and then no more support.
 - i. Discussion occurred about the process of deciding on a new software package or not
 - ii. MacMillan-Crow will contact Troy Walls and Rebecca Nicholson to come speak to the Senate Council at the September meeting
- V. Summary of Task force on Faculty annual reviews/job performance
 - a. LSO moved to draft a formal Academic Senate response to the task force recommendations; Stack seconded, passed unanimously
 - b. Discussion took place of the recommendations from the Task Force
 - c. MacMillan-Crow took notes about input from Council members to relay to administration and encouraged additional suggestions to be emailed to her.
 - d. College reps should be involved in helping colleges meet with their deans to write details of the new policies
 - e. One concerned voiced was that there is a remediation plan and remediation committee but no appeal process in the 2nd year, i.e., after the year-long remediation plan
- VI. Other Business
 - a. Boysen on the Administrative Council: as of August, 2018, there were no monetary losses in June, July, August, and we are within 0.01% of budget;
 - b. Full fall Senate meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2018, 4:00-5:00 PM; Dr. Patterson will have 20-30 minutes to speak; MacMillan-Crow would like to set aside 15 minutes for faculty concerns but give her any topics you think are timely for this meeting
 - c. MacMillan-Crow urged Council members to give her their ideas for the strategic planning steering committee

Adjourned at 3:16 PM