

Academic Senate Council

July 31, 2019

Minutes

Attending: Burgess, Huckuntod, James, Macmillian-Crow, Martin, Mendiratta, G. Post, S. Post, Robertson, Rosenbaum, Selig, Zaller

Absent: Boysen, Frett, Horn, Huitt, Karim, Lefler, Miller, Nagel, Prather, Smith-Olinde, Stack, Whited

Guests: Gardner, Hayar, Mahadevan

- I. Called to Order at 2:03 pm; May and June minutes not voted on
- II. Report from College Officers – none; reminded college representatives to schedule regular meetings with their deans, ideally at least quarterly
- III. Committee Reports
 - a. Faculty Affairs reported that UAMS Retention Survey is nearing completion. Open discussion on pros and cons of merging Retention Survey with biennial Academic Senate survey. Non-voted consensus was to keep Academic Senate survey distinct for comparability to previous years' surveys.
- IV. UAMS Resource Fair
 - a. To be held Tuesday, August 27, 4-6pm in Education II
 - b. Dr. James later confirmed date to be Tuesday, not Wednesday
- V. Engagement
 - a. Dr. James raised possibility of forming College-level liaison committees, patterned after CHP committee formed by Drs. Huitt and Robertson to relay information between Academic Senate reps and CHP departments. Discussion on whether this model would be feasible for all colleges. Non-voted consensus to let each College's reps decide best way to engage fellow faculty.
 - b. Continued discussion of ideas for disseminating information through departmental faculty meetings. [Note: agenda referred to "town halls", but faculty meetings more appropriate.] College reps encouraged to raise awareness of upcoming Academic Senate survey at faculty meetings. Officers and members-at-large offered to help as needed.
 - c. Weekly Academic Senate calendar email was updated with a request for departments to add Grand Rounds events to the calendar. Dr. James would follow up one-on-one with individuals with calendar access to post their events.
 - i. Dr. James would follow up on suggestions to merge or integrate Academic Senate calendar with UAMS Master calendar, which schedules all rooms across campus.

VI. Other Business

- a. Stocked & Reddie is up and running. Dr. Gardner reports that 272 UAMS students and employees representing 904 family members were participating in the program. Participants were giving back; for example, graduate students who received meals were volunteering time to help restock shelves. Plans were underway to have staff provide “life-skills” training presentations.
- b. Dr. Rosenbaum raised concerns over an email-based survey to UAMS clinical faculty requesting a vote to change UAMS Medical Staff bylaws. The survey indicated that all non-responses would be interpreted as Yes votes. Furthermore, dissenters could not simply vote No, but had to specifically cite their objections, precluding anonymity. Dr. Rosenbaum agreed to forward email to Academic Senate officers for review.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:04 pm