

Academic Senate Council Meeting, July 12, 2012

Minutes

Larry Suva, Lee Ann MacMillan-Crow, Dana Gaddy, Steve Post, Jerry Ware, Bill Culp, Howard Hendrickson, Todd Nick, Lindy Bollen, Adam Brown, Julia Goodwin, Rebecca Patterson, Elizabeth Bard, Feifei Wei, Phil Breen

Apologies: Paul Wendel, Cesar Compadre, Ilias Kavouras, Dana Gonzales, Tom Kelly

1. Minutes from last meeting were reviewed and approved.
2. The Chair, Larry Suva, called the meeting to order.
3. A lengthy discussion regarding the recent Academic Affairs re-organization took place. It was clear that the faculty within COM had little or no idea about the re-organization, which points to the ongoing lack of effective communication on campus; something that needs to improve. Other colleges received an email forwarded from their Deans. Elizabeth Bard summarized the changes which included hiring 3 new positions to help offset the work load of the academic affairs staff.
4. It was noted that the recently updated Senate website now recognizes all of the College representatives. Other changes and continuing modifications are underway.
5. Larry Suva along with Howard Hendrickson talked about the Organization and support of Shared Resources and Core facilities on campus. Both said that Larry Cornett and/or Phil Mayeux would be good to invite to discuss this issue at another senate meeting.
6. Larry Suva reported that the Senate did a great job in responding very quickly to make important changes/suggestions with the modified Research Misconduct Policy at UAMS. The Senate's rapid and constructive response highlights the importance and value of the Senate involvement when UAMS policies are being reviewed and modified.
7. The Doodle poll has identified that the next Full Senate Meeting will be held on September 19 from 4-5pm. A room has not yet been reserved.
8. The committee discussed the main Agenda items for this Full Senate meeting:
 - We will invite Dr. Cornett to discuss shared resources/core facilities on campus (~ 5min).
 - Also to invite Dr. Heard to talk about the academic affairs re-organization (~ 5min).
 - Other agenda items will be solicited from the entire UAMS faculty prior to meeting
 - Participation of additional UAMS faculty on Senate committees will be solicited by email prior to the meeting as well.
9. How to improve communication on campus:
 - Need announcements of events in all buildings-even the hospital.
 - Obviously important information that the Chancellor's Cabinet is provided is not being relayed forward to the department/division levels.
 - Council discussed the idea of getting new faculty an informational packet about campus-including information about the Academic senate.

10. Larry Suva gave a short PowerPoint presentation regarding the most recent Faculty Exit survey results. There were 16 faculty responses, the majority from COM. Within COM ~80% were from the clinical departments.

11. The Academic Senate Campus-wide faculty survey was discussed. It will be updated and sent to the faculty in 2013. The comparison data from 2 years ago and with the 2013 survey should provide new insight into the status of the faculty and the campus.

Meeting was adjourned.