

Academic Senate

Tuesday, May 8, 2012

Minutes

Approval of Agenda

-Approved, 2:39 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes of April 17, 2012

-m/s-L. Popenhagen, M. Francois, approved.

Intent to Raise Questions

-J. Peters asked about the possibility of making a generic course description more specific. M. Francois replied that it was possible to add a *Title* to the course and recommended she speak with her Support Coordinator.

Report from the Senate Chair

-Chair Meriwether reviewed a picture montage of Senates, past and present and the entire Academic Senate thanked Ching-Hua Wang for all the contributions she has made to the success of the campus in her tenure here.

-Chair Meriwether then awarded Rosario Cuevas with a beautiful Resolution to commend her for her years of service to the Academic Senate, she is grateful, humbled and honored by the Resolution ☺

-Thank you to all the Senate officers that worked tirelessly this year and welcome to incoming officers for next year.

-Thank you to all faculty that attended meetings on a regular basis and helped us conduct Senate business.

Report from the Provost

-Printing of catalogs currently costs us \$22,000 a year, we are working on ways to reduce that cost.

-The Student Fee and Instructionally Related Activities committee will be separate committees once again.

-The Research and Sponsored Programs search has failed, management of the office will be moved to the Provost Office until someone is hired.

-K. Leonard will replace Brad Monsma as Director of the Center for Integrative Studies. Dennis Downey will replace Andrea Grove as Director of the Center for Community Engagement.

-The Center Mall, in front of the Bell Tower, will be turned into a pedestrian walk way over the summer.

-There will be Fall faculty searches.

Report from Statewide Senators

-S. Aloisio attended a recent statewide meeting where the main topics of discussion were possible options in case the possible \$200 million dollar trigger cut next year is passed.

Report from CFA President

-S. Kelly informed everyone that a strike authorization vote had been completed, bargaining talks have not gone well. Please connect to the CFA Facebook page over the summer and read his emails.

Consent Calendar

-Revision to 2013-14 and 2014-15 Academic Calendars
-approved when the Agenda was approved.

First Reading Items

Resolution on Tenure-Track Hiring

-m/s, S. Aloisio, C. Wyels, approved.
-m/s, S. Aloisio, A. Grove motioned to move it to a second reading.
-approved unanimously to move to a second reading.

Vote taken on Resolution:

Passed Unanimously

Second Reading Items

Class Schedule Template Policy

-D. Wakelee reported that the task force had crafted an alternative template that was not being forwarded as an amendment, however, it should still be discussed. The alternative template incorporates a University Hour on Fridays at noon.
-N. Mozingo confirmed that if the alternative were passed, labs and studios would be exempt. D. Wakelee confirmed that it would only apply to lecture courses.
-There was discussion about the impact of passing the template with the University Hour. N. Mozingo clarified that the new template would not take effect until Spring 2013.
-J. Grier asked for clarification on whether the template would apply to off-campus courses? D. Wakelee indicated it has not applied in the past.

Vote on replacing the schedule template with the second one containing University Hour

Yes: 34

No: 2

Abstain: 2

Amendment approved

-J. Elliott made a motion to move the 7:30 p.m. time block to 7:00 to 9:50 p.m. on M, T, W, Th.
-N. Mozingo informed everyone that you can always schedule outside the template with the "Special Scheduling" provision.

-There was animated conversation about the pros and cons of the template and how it will affect us as we grow.

Vote on J. Elliott's motion to change class beginning time from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Yes: 2

No: 19

Abstain: 8

Amendment fails

Vote on entire policy

Yes: 29

No: 1

Abstain: 2

Policy passes

Policy on Emphases, Concentrations, and Option

-V. Adams reviewed the recommended changes to the policy.

-J. Grier made a friendly amendment to clarify that the policy only applies to “Undergraduate” students, amendment accepted.

-There was animated discussion about Emphases and Options how they have been interchanged over the past years.

-I. Grzegorzcyk made a motion to change some of the language in the policy. J. Peters offered some friendly amendments to Ivona’s motion, which she accepted.

-C. Burriss pointed out the amendment was contradictory because for Performing Arts students are required to choose an emphasis.

-J. Elliott spoke against the amendment and policy all together, he recommends instead addressing this issue next year.

-There was discussion about tabling the policy.

-T. Ballman indicated the Curriculum Committee had researched other campuses and there was a lot of disparity throughout the campuses, she felt this would systematize operations.

-P. Hampton agree with J. Elliott, he does not feel it is a good idea to edit on the Senate floor.

-G. Buhl called the questions, V. Adams seconded.

Vote taken on ending discussion on the amendment

Yes: 29

No: 1

Abstain: 1

Discussion ended

Vote on language amendment by I. Grzegorzcyk:

Yes: 2

No: 20

Abstain: 6

Motion to amend failed

-AJ Bieszczad makes a motion to refer back to the committee, seconded by I. Grzegorzcyk.

-V. Adams added that the changes were recommended by Chancellor’s Office.

Vote on motion to refer back to committee:

Yes: 13

No: 13

Abstain: 0

Motion tied and so did not pass

-V. Adams reminds everyone that Curriculum Committee has already completely discussed this.

-There was more discussion about the policy and how confusing it currently is for students to decipher if they are receiving an emphases, concentration or option.

-B. Hartung called the question, N. Deans seconded.

Vote taken on calling the question:

Yes: 28
No: 1
Abstain: 1

Passed

Vote on policy, as amended:

Yes: 28
No: 8
Abstain: 3

Policy Passed

Policy on Thesis and Project Filing

-S. Clark reviewed the policy and the new language adding the ability to enforce the filing, adding that he has already discussed it with the Library and the Registrar.

-I. Grzegorzczuk stated that they did not want students to submit directly to the library, they would prefer it be done by the advisor.

-S. Clark responded that there would be a signature page attached where the advisor would be required to sign off prior to submission.

-A. Wallace stated the library would like not be responsible for receiving separate items, the projects should be turn in as one single item.

-There was a clarification about the difference between a diploma being issued and a degree being granted.

-Discussion about who should submit and about making students responsible adults.

Question called, vote taken on additional language that would require an advisor to submit the Thesis:

Yes: 6
No: 16
Abstain: 3

Amendment failed

-J. Balen reminded everyone that what was being discussed was the “process” which should not be part of the policy.

-V. Adams called the question, seconded.

Vote taken on policy:

Yes: 23
No: 1
Abstain: 2

Policy passed

Revised (Undergraduate) Admissions Appeal Policy

-The policy has been revised to abide by a new law, plus there has been a duplication of policies between ours and administrative policies. Administration has agreed to pull its version of the policy if we agree to add # 5 and #6 to our version. SAPP has reviewed it and does not have a problem with the additions.

-V. Adams called the question, seconded by T. Ballman.

Vote taken on policy

Yes: 25

No: 0

Abstain: 1

Policy passed

Graduate Admissions Appeal Policy

-S. Clark indicated that nothing has changed since the reading of the first policy.

-V. Adams called the question, seconded by C. Wang.

Vote on policy taken:

Yes: 24

No: 0

Abstain: 1

Policy passed

Mini-Grant Policy

-D. Lee explained the reasoning behind the policy.

-E. Nuhfer spoke about the history related to the policy.

-V. Adams called the question, C. Wang seconded.

Vote on calling the question

- AJ Bieszczad called for a quorum which had been lost at this point.

There was discussion about the need for these policies to be in place at the beginning of the Fall semester so it was decided to call a Special Senate meeting for the following week.

-B. Hartung: Thank you Chair Meriwether for all your hard work this year.

Adjourn

-4:54 p.m.