

University Senate Minutes

April 21, 2017, 2:00-3:15 in Rowan Auditorium

2:00-2:20

1. Approval of agenda-Motioned, Seconded, Approved
2. Introduction of visitors-None
3. Approval of minutes from March meeting-Motioned, Seconded, Approved
4. President's report

a. Registration problems

What Happened? No one knows. IT suggested that it was due to increased capacity. They did switch the Oracle server, so this may be the issue. They are serious about trying to resolve this.

Starting in the Fall 2018 we are moving to the Rowan Core, IT says they will be able to run both Gen Eds. at the same time. January 2019, we are being forced to upgrade to the newest Banner, so this may be a difficult transition.

b. Changes to Education majors (page 3, and attached files)

These are state changes. Please see attached. There has been confusion about these changes. We will ask someone from education to come to the May Senate meeting.

Q-Don't we have a legal and moral responsibility to graduate these students?

A-Legally I don't know if we are required to do this, but morally and ethically we should.

Rowan Global Summer course numbers change (under enrolled). Rowan Global claims they want to have fewer sections with more students, but that is not what students want.

Rowan Global was designed to make money, but it doesn't seem to be making large gains.

c. Federal budget cuts and grant funding

President Trump's budget proposes many cuts in federal grants funding. Grants will much more competitive and harder to come by.

The Provost says that faculty will be reviewed by their rank.

d. T&R criteria

Everyone needs specific criteria. Keep in mind that you can write multiple criteria for specific faculty members.

Q-Are we getting a new provost?

A-No, we have heard nothing.

Q-Can we talk about what happens at meetings for T & R meetings that include Ken Blank and Shreek and other deans?

A- All of the deans meet to discuss candidates for tenure. Since different disciplines have different research expectations, there's sometimes a level of misunderstanding.

e. Fire in Mimosa

No cause was reported. SGA President is asking for donations for students affected.

f. New buildings

Administration wants to sell or lease current buildings to outside vendors in order to fund new buildings. Will continue to update Senate as these plans develop.

g. Proposed changes to purchase of lab and research supplies

Procurement changed the way you order lab supplies. There is a sole source requisition form if you want to use an outside vendor different from the 3 pre-approved vendors.

If you having ongoing issues, email Shreek or contact Bill.

h. Hipra on West Campus

Spanish Pharmaceutical has purchased 25 acres on West Campus. Up to 200 hires, and this will be the North American Headquarters.

i. 12 month pay for 10 month employees

This will almost, certainly happen for the new fiscal year. All deductions need to come out of the 10 month calculation.

Q-How will this roll out?

A-Hopefully, sometime in June there will be an email to opt-in.

March for Science tomorrow in Philadelphia and Washington DC.

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5. Open Period: Roberta Harvey discusses the mission statement (page 4)

Our current mission statement is old and vague. It was created prior to the Medical Schools existing.

Strategic Priority Council charged The Mission Statement Task Force to change the current mission statement.

Finished draft of statement provided to Senate to provide comments. The task force is not crafting a new mission. We are writing a new mission statement for the Middle States Self-Study. This needs to explain all the things the University has been doing and trying to accomplish. Looked at past Rowan mission statements and other models. We did not want a typical or conventional mission statement, we wanted something more unique. The task force decided to go with a shorter mission statement with subsets of information.

In 2013 we received a new designation from the state as a designated research university. Not a lot of clarity on what this means for Rowan. The new mission statement does not address this designation due to this uncertainty. This will not be the 5 or 10 year mission statement. This may new 2-3 year mission statement.

Q-Should we read anything into the ordering of these things? For example, revenue generation. Is this a random ordering of the pillars or values?

A-No intention in the order. Middle States asks what drives your decisions. Revenue, student services, etc.

Q-Last year Tobey Oxholm pushed through a Statement of Principles, is this connected?

A-No that dealt with compliance issues, to publish policy.

Q-In the Access Pillar, you list items, then add on "including medicine" and the medical schools are mentioned throughout. Please help us understand the rationale for explicitly including medicine?

A-This is because Medicine is new to our institution and rare for an institution of our type to have medical schools. It is also a reminder and a way to be inclusive of SOM. Many Universities do not integrate their medical schools into their main undergraduate campus.

Q-Visually having Inclusivity should be at the top of the list. Again, why are these ordered in this way?

A-We can look at the order again before we finalize.

Q-What are human capacity, infrastructure, and resource capacity referring to in this statement?

A-Things like the employee engagement survey matter to people. Infrastructure is campus facilities and technology support, and security. Resource Capacity is dealing with money and endowment management,

Comment-Language sounds corporate.

Comment-Language like organizational capacity is something not everyone will understand; like students and parents.

Q-Can you talk a little bit about Resilience as an operational value?

A-This is a personal word choice of the president. This part of his personal character and it expands to the institution.

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6. Second reading: Revised Library Committee Charge (page 2) -Motioned, Approved.

There was some discuss about changing the membership, this is not addressed in the current revision. Looking to include the Associate Provost of the Library without having him on the committee.

7. Resolutions to amend the Registrar's procedures (page 7)-Motioned, Approved.

8. Curriculum Report: Process Q to create Honors College (separate file)-Motioned, Approved.

Advantages-increases out SAT profile and allow for more faculty and courses.

Q-Has the provost agreed to joint appointments?

A-Yes, we already have one that is joint with Honors and English

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7. Old business 8. New business

Q-Has anyone talked about building a stadium with a roof for commencement?

A-Not yet.

Comment-at some point, Senate might want to ask about having a larger indoor space for commencement

Adjournment-3:13