

University Senate Minutes

October 30, 2020, 2:00-3:15, Zoom

2:00-2:30

- 1) Approval of agenda-Motioned, Seconded, Approved
- 2) Introduction of visitors -Eric Brewer, Biomedical Engineering
- 3) Approval of minutes from September meeting-Motioned, Seconded, Approved
- 4) President's report
 - a) COVID updates:
 - i) Number of infections
 - ii) BinaxNOW test kits
 - (1) Silvia based, rapid test
 - iii) Wastewater testing
 - (1) Dr. Birx recommended this. We are looking to have this for the start of the Spring 2021 semester
 - iv) Antibody tests
 - v) Spring semester starts a week later, no Spring Break

Q-Does anyone know if Global courses will be starting a week later as well?

A-Global will start a week earlier (1/18)

Q-Can we have of the revised Global Schedule?

A-Section tally is supposed to be accurate

Mod 3 (1st 8 weeks) is 1/19 to 3/15

Mod 4 (2nd 8 weeks) is 3/16 to 5/10

Q-If their discussion on how to manage Thanksgiving break and the effect of COVID infections?

A-Wellness Center will offer COVID testing to everyone before Thanksgiving. There is discussion to moving fully remotely after Thanksgiving.

Comment-We have classes that need adaptation and we are getting push back from Global about changing and updating things.

Q- Some faculty have expressed concern that with everything housed on Canvas that Global "owns" our classes as they do with courses that are built for Global under contract. Is that the case?

A-No, if you have not signed a class to design an online course with Global they cannot "own" for content and no one else has access to it, unless you give them access.

- b) Faculty Center student evaluations in Banner 9

Current evaluation in Banner 8, need to be rewritten for Banner 9. We do have the evaluation in Anthology (formerly Campus Labs)

c) Talk to your Deans

If you are having difficulty with your Dean, set up a meeting with your Dean and start a conversation. If you are an untenured faculty member, please ask a fellow tenured faculty member to assist. If there is still a problem after meeting, contact Bill.

d) Spring teaching requests

If you currently have accommodations for the Fall, you will continue to have these (unless you had temporary accommodations). If you would like to teach remotely, request this from your Chair/Head, then it comes to the Dean's Office. If the Dean's Office denies this, there is a committee (chaired by Basso and Salveski) that review appeals

e) Senate Parliamentarian: Kha' Sadler

Serve with advice and consent of the Senate (does not need to be voted on)

f) Professional staff issues, especially promotion

Senate Executive has commissioned a sub-group about professional staff concerns

Performance Based Promotion Issues

We need written criteria for professional staff promotion

Q-Is there a freeze of promotions due to the financial situation?

A-Bill will check on this

Comment-Some faculty (librarian) have not gotten their full range adjustment when they were promoted.

Comment-The MOA includes the language of "fairness and equity" and we need to have this realized for all of our members

Q-Can we get the 5-10 year data on professional staff that put in for promotions and been denied?

A-This would be valuable, but it may not be accurate since some people are rejected at supervisor level and not tracked

g) Promotion for Lecturers

Jon Foglein and Julie Haynes have been working on this and it sent this to the Provost Office today

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5) Update on Budget (Chris Simons)

4 million deficit, which is smaller than we anticipated

6) Curriculum report (Marci Carrasquillo)

5461724-Motioned, Approved

5446611-Motioned, Approved

5353700-Motioned, Approved

5475158-Motioned, Approved

5470840-Motioned, Approved

7) First reading on Resolution on WI and LIT courses (Nathan Bauer, file attached)

This will enhance consistency and assessment for these courses, including guidelines for these designations

Q-Can a student transfer in a Writing Intensive course?

A-Yes, our transfer policy states they can transfer in WI and LIT courses

8) First reading on Resolution on Curricular and Assessment Review (Nathan Bauer, file attached)

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9) New business

Q-Do you have any sense of the program review/data collection and analysis?

A-The President has announced that all programs will be reviewed to find out where we are and what we have in place with our curriculum. Will also look at the faculty of Future. We look at alternate deliveries and workforce-based certificates.

Comment-This is frustrating because some departments are reviewed very frequently. There is concern that this is by program and not department this time.

Comment-Please be mindful of the strains and stress that this review puts on all of us

Q-Is there a model the group is using? Are you being advised by someone who has done this type of work?

A-At this time, the Deans have been asked for information and to help structure the process. It is premature to discuss what model we are using, we have not finalized the framework yet.

Q- Should I share with my department that all will be expected to teach "in person" in the spring unless they request an official waiver?

A-No. We will only have limited courses in person. The vast majority of Spring 2021 will be remote.

10) Adjournment-3:00pm