

December 21, 2016

Called to order 2:49

Roll called 2:50 (36 present at rollcall): Abrams, Allen, Alo, Alvares, Bellum, Berger, Chang, Curnutt, Cutler, Dacey, Dinour, Domine, Field, Fleming, Friedman, Gainor, Gaynor, Gingerich, Goldfarb, Gurskis, Higgins, Hunt, Jacobson, Lal, LaFountain, Lucas, McDermid, Misra, Murray, Noonan, Nurse, Panorkou, Parashar, Pemberton, Sadowsky, Strickland, Sullivan, Trubatch, Wolfson

Minutes approved unanimously

Admin report

DACA students discussion – Cole has signed 2 statements. Student affairs reps have links; Trubatch will post links under this meeting's docs on Canvas.

Tobacco policy – students recommend partial ban; plan is to work with students early in spring semester to reach conclusion

Dean Hunt presents Digital Commons Repository – PPT available on Canvas. Questions & comments:

Sullivan – if journal has copyright, can't be included in repository? Hunt: yes. Preprints are OK.

Domine: University can start own journals.

Gaynor: please work on theses & dissertations! Hunt: working with Graduate School; tech is in place.

Gaynor: no science faculty on advisory cmte from CSAM. Hunt: we have one; will update list.

Trubatch: involve faculty as material is very diverse and faculty will have great insight into uses

"grid" given to chairs is constraining choices. Gingerich: we will discuss more in Chairs' Council in spring, with schedulers. This change may be very similar to the change from 3x/week to 2x/week; still need discussion but we can do it. Friday scheduling is advancing, and we are committed to it. Trubatch: the analogy to the 3x/2x shift may be accurate, but does not mean there were no pedagogical tradeoffs in that shift either. Domine: Course scheduling is high priority, and also complex and individual to departments; would be useful to have support and detailed feedback about scheduling from above. Gingerich: Chairs' Council is where we should work these things out. Sullivan: was here for 3x/2x shift – Math and Languages had data to ground their reluctance. Lab courses are an issue; labs shared for research and currently Fridays are research day in the lab. Q from audience: what about 'common hour'? Gingerich: no plans to mess with common hour. This term's Wednesday-as-Friday was confusing. Wolfson: Do we have enough classrooms in Partridge for nursing, or are they going to make it worse? Gingerich: yes. Gainor: religious issues about Friday, and work issues about Friday classes. Gingerich: yes, should be considering these issues.

Cmte of the Whole: Gen Ed "L"

Tabled last time for consideration; motion today to endorse recommendation
No discussion, question called
Unanimous consent, motion approved.

Cmte of Whole: Amendments

26 voters present
Motion 1: 25/25 yes (Trubatch no vote b/c no tiebreaker needed)
2: 25/25 yes

Academic Information Tech Cmte: anticipate January meeting to discuss items on agenda.
Domine concerned about level of engagement on Councils
AAC will look to develop needed bylaws

Admin Affairs Council

Lifecycle survey will stay open past due date; will present results in January
Exam scheduling: Senate conflict! And, 24-hour rule on changing rooms. Both addressed in Council.

Student Affairs

Working on DACA statements; members should work over break

NAL Report

No real news to report, other than discussion about "system-wide" instructors similar to instructional specialists
Noonan: Draws our attention to State Senate bill regarding 3-year Colleges – passed. Sullivan: Assembly won't address until June.

President's Report

Imminent clerical assistant hire(s) to take notes at meeting, for Recording Sec to compile into minutes. Murray & Field will hire.
Need a RS to complete the Board!
Smoking policy: SGA does not like complete ban.
Continuing to urge admin to include Senate in process of administrative aspects of computer lifecycle issues.
Sandra Adams is the new faculty rep on BoT; report included here and Senate page. Wolfson: Contract totals have always been public, but more detail in report here than is typically made public.
Sullivan: tobacco taskforce did have minority view for partial ban, and looked for suitable 'smoking zones'. Trubatch: very interested to hear from Senators on our response, invites former task force members

New business

Wolfson: minutes should reflect congratulations to Noonan on nomination to State Board of Education.

Adjourned 4:41