



Academic Senate
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Academic Senate Executive Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2017 (Convened at 8:05am) in DLC Rm #4

Attendees: Chris Vancil (President), Bill Hirt (Vice President), Andrea Craddock (Secretary), Ed Kephart (At Large), and Mike Graves (At Large)

A. Opportunity for Public Comment

- ❖ No public comment.

B. Approval of Minutes

- ❖ Mike moved to approve minutes / Ed seconded / motion passed

C. Discussion Items / Action Items

- ❖ **Senate Exec will consider and provide feedback on a draft Shared Governance model –**

- Chris stated that he already got feedback from Dave Clarke about the model. Dave requested a key for the acronyms on the model. Dave was also concerned that the model shows Academic Senate reporting to the President instead of directly to the Board.

1. Mike Graves was also baffled that the Academic Senate would report to the President instead of the Board. He stated that there should be a solid line going from the Academic Senate to the Board.
 - a. He was also confused that the Academic Senate was so low on the diagram that it appeared that we lower on the hierarchy than other committees, such as Instruction Council.
2. Ed was confused what the dotted lines mean on the model.
3. Chris will discuss these concerns with the President

- ❖ **Senate Exec will consider Senate Goals for 2017 – 2018 –**

- Based on suggested goals from faculty members, the Senate Exec came up with these three goals:
 1. Senate will work on a process for data driven decision making and assessment of college decisions and programs.
 2. The Senate will develop and implement a new Program Review and Student Learning Outcomes process.
 3. Implement a process for providing Senate input on non-credit classes and Institutional Service Agreements (ISAs).

❖ **Senate Exec will consider committee appointments**

- At the next Academic Senate meeting, a sabbatical committee needs to be approved by faculty. Typically, the last faculty member who received a sabbatical, along with the Academic Senate President and another member from the Senate Exec comprise the committee. Thus, this means the committee includes Jim Gilmore, Chris Vancil, and Bill Hirt (Bill volunteered to be on the committee).
- Chris is concerned that many committees are not following the Brown Act
 1. Mike suggested that the Flex committee be changed from a standing committee to an ad hoc committee so they don't have to adhere to the Brown Act
 - a. Chris asked that this be put on the agenda for Academic Senate to discuss this Friday
 2. Jenny Heath would like to be approved for the Equivalency committee. This also needs to be put on the agenda for the Academic Senate to approve.

❖ **Senate Exec will consider Board and Administrative Policies**

- Chris was concerned that the new athletic field projected to start construction on May 1st has not gone through the proper procedures. Specifically, the Board must publicize their intent to build a new athletic field, solicit bids, discuss their options, and prioritize bids
 1. He will bring up his concerns to the President or the Board

❖ **Senate Exec will consider an evaluation of the compressed calendar and its time blocks –**

- Instructional Council has discussed having benchmarks to determine if the compressed calendar is successful, but it is still uncertain what these benchmarks will be.
 1. They are also considering putting a few questions on the Noel-Levitz questionnaire so they can get feedback from students on the compressed calendar in the spring.
 2. Instructional Council surmises it will take a couple of years before we can determine if the compressed calendar is effective or not.

❖ **Miscellaneous Items**

- During the January planning day, Academic Senate will have faculty members list the committees they are currently serving on.
- In terms of the selecting retired faculty for an emeritus, Bill asked that it be highlighted who on the list has already received the emeritus and which retired faculty members have already passed away. Chris stated he can do that and forward it to Bill.

❖ **Adjournment** at 9:10am

