

Academic Senate Executive Meeting

May 17, 2016

In attendance: C. Vancil, B. Hirt, A. Craddock, M. Graves, S. Kenny, and J. Turk

Academic Senate Goals

- Program Review
 - o J. Turk and C. Vancil will sit down with Dr. Scott to discuss Program Review (S. Reynolds will be included in this discussion). Clarify differences between administration and faculty with emphasis on 10 + 1.
 - o C. Vancil indicated that the Program Review process will be developed in the Academic Senate. Administration can set deadlines, but must adhere to the process.
- S. Kenny indicated that a CurricUNET coordinator would be beneficial to help faculty input data.
 - o J. Turk mentioned that a student assistant to help with SLOs would also be beneficial
- S. Kenny also brought up the need for there to be a two-week block at the end of the semester where no additional workload is given to faculty members.
- S. Kenny and C. Vancil stressed the importance of the administration not submitting ADTs to the chancellor's office without faculty input.
- S. Kenny expressed the need for transparency for class schedules. S. Kenny and C. Vancil identified the need for the administration to meet with each faculty member to discuss their upcoming class schedule to get final approval before it is implemented.
 - o C. Vancil said that this is a faculty workload issue (e.g., contributes to poor work conditions), as well as it doesn't serve students because class schedules overlap
- C. Vancil indicated that more input is needed by the faculty in the budget process.
- C. Vancil is considering having a "coffee talk" once a week to invite faculty and others to share their thoughts and concerns regarding Academic Senate.
 - o M.Graves suggested "coffee talk" should be once a month
- Executive Committee will meet the week before and the week after Academic Senate.
 - o Executive Committee will meet at 8am on Thursdays
- C. Vancil will send out an email inviting input from regular and adjunct faculty members about their goals for Academic Senate before we re-group in the fall.
- M. Graves believes that the Academic Senate should be given more of a priority and higher ranking than it has been given lately.
- C. Vancil feels that participatory governance and transparency are key goals for the Academic Senate this upcoming year
- Dr. Scott mentioned the possibility to a joint admin/union/Senate session which would provide some training and elaboration of Union and governance changes/processes