

Faculty Senate
McCormick Room, Collins Library
Minutes of the March 5, 2018 meeting

Present:

Kena Fox-Dobbs, Amanda Diaz, Pierre Ly, Tiffany MacBain, Bill Beardsley, Jung Kim, Kris Bartanen, Gwynne Brown, Robin Jacobson, Peter Wimberger, Sunil Kukreja, Siddharth Ramakrishnan, Andrew Monaco

Guests: Liz Collins, Jeff Matthews

1. Vice Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 12:00pm

2. Approval of the minutes of February 19, 2018

No discussion

3. Updates from ASUPS and Staff Senate

ASUPS Inauguration of new executives will be April 2, 2018.

No Staff Senate updates.

4. Updates from liaisons to standing committees

IRB (Ramakrishnan): There are currently online training modules for students working on human subjects (new as of last year), and the IRB is now recommending training modules for faculty (similar but not exactly the same as what the student modules). The IRB seeks input from the Senate on the next step for this recommendation. Ramakrishnan suggested the IRB talk to chairs of relevant departments and get feedback on the recommendation.

Curriculum Committee (Jacobson): The CC approved the interdisciplinary Humanities Emphasis (previously it was a “Pathway”). In order to do this the CC changed the number of course requirements for an Emphasis to five courses. Jacobson suggested the senate look at this more closely and will send documents following up on this because of the relevance to Strategic Planning and because of the emphasis as approved prior to any of the curricular substance that will be proposed later. During discussion Wimberger pointed out that this is timely and relevant to the work of Goal Team 1 of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee, which has been discussing a “Pathway” options.

ASC (Beardsley): There is a new policy regarding transfer credits. In summary, students can now transfer up to 16 units via IB and AP, and concurrent enrollment programs like Running Start. The maximum number of transfer units is the same as before, but the new policy is less restrictive in terms of types of programs that are accepted. Kukreja added that the new policy brings us more in line with peer institutions.

5. Discussion of proposed language for changes to the Faculty Code regarding promotion to the rank of Professor (with PSC mark-up)

During discussion MacBain and Jacobson proposed amendments to the language in the proposed changes to the Faculty Code. Matthews provided insight into challenges felt by the FAC when trying to implement the Code as it currently exists, and with regard to future changes. He emphasized the need for clear and consistent language.

M/S/P to accept amendments (highlighted below) to the proposed language for changes to the Faculty Code regarding promotion to Professor.

Promotion to the rank of full professor requires a candidate to have ~~With respect to candidates for promotion to the rank of full professor, in no case is promotion to be recommended without a determination that the candidate has maintained~~ **excellence in teaching** ~~a consistent high quality of teaching and has demonstrated significant scholarly achievement. Within the category of service, candidates for promotion to the rank of full professor must provide evidence of a~~ **continued and significant** ~~significant, sustained~~ contribution to the university.”

M/S/P to accept the amended proposed language for changes to the Faculty Code regarding promotion to Professor.

M/S/P to move the amended proposed language on to the full faculty for consideration.

6. Discussion of revision of the faculty service survey

Postponed until the March 19, 2018 Faculty Senate meeting.

7. Other business

Kim, MacBain, and Ramakrishnan volunteered to serve on a committee that will work to revise the language of the Faculty Bylaws to reflect the change in Bartanen’s title (Provost), and the reorganization that accompanies it with regards to standing committee ex officio membership.

8. Meeting adjourned at 1:28pm.

Minutes prepared by Kena Fox-Dobbs.

Respectfully submitted,

Pierre Ly, Secretary of the Faculty Senate