A&S Council Meeting Notes

Monday, Sept. 16, 2019

3:30pm Drake Room, Olmsted

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In attendance: Cravero, Horst, McCrickerd, Carlson, Allen, Vitha, Cardwell, Madden, Huey, Ross, Asante, Rosburg, Falter

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

Sept. 4, 2019 meeting

* + Approved unanimously

Report from Dean

* 11 new faculty searches underway this fall; all committees have undergone diversity/inclusion training
* Ad-hoc committees: chair compensation model (to review chairs’ duties as they’ve changed), independent studies (how many could count for course load) and undergraduate research compensation, pre-med advising at Drake (could do more to recruit them and keep track of them and creating pathways with other local medical programs)
* New sabbatical policy; faculty senate has to give it their final blessing, but all guidelines are on the website. Approved by the Provost. This is a University policy, now we just have to make it feasible/equitable.
* Communication: All Faculty meeting; reports from Faculty Senate; formalize the communication from different committees.
* Recruitment plan: will present at All Faculty Meeting this Friday. Shared with President’s council and soon to be at BOT: Pre-Med and Open-enrolled biggest, ABA, Kinesiology, Politics
* Question/Request: independent study task force; bring the report to A&S Council first before being implemented. Wary of a blanket policy in regards to work load

Report from Student Senator

Raeann VonDrongelen

* Not able to attend, but will be sending reports each month.

Report from Committee Chairs

- Academic Integrity, Curt Cardwell, Chair

- Technology Planning, Maryann Huey, Chair

* Working on definition of the committee so they know what they are doing; how to best help. Wanting to create a survey, what they would value or don’t value. Things that they go do that are productive rather than just sharing messages
* Two rooms that will be upgraded, OLIN 211 and HOW 212. No computers will not be going back in; will be standard practice going forward. If they opt for a desktop and decided to switch before their time is up; what can be done?

- Diversity, Yasmina Madden, Chair

* Will be meeting next week
* Optional resources on the A&S Website (Diversity/Inclusion webpage and A&S Forms). Hopefully putting them on Disability Services’ website.

- Curriculum, Mark Vitha, Chair

* No reports other than what is under New Business

Old business

New business

* Course Proposals: Art 119, History 116
  + Art 119: No discussion necessary; approved unanimously
  + HIST 116 to wait for review
* Section 2.3.1 Responsibilities (Curriculum Committee)

Language change. “… proposals for course changes, deletions and modifications…” to “…proposals for new courses, course changes, and course deletions…”

* Approved unanimously; no discussion
* Section 1.4.2 Election and Terms of Members

Codifying the process for term of membership by extending the language as it exists for Council to include all standing and ad-hoc A&S Council committees

* + Concern: Really easy way to get kicked off of a committee if they don’t want someone to be on the committee. Mostly positive: they don’t get to count it for their CV and the committee gets a new committee member.
  + For committees not elected, the Dean’s Office will select an alternative.
  + Table for Language. Will be talking about the election process in October.
  + Student Members of Academic Integrity
    - Chosen by departments/A&S Senator
    - Approved unanimously
* Governance Structure – ad hoc committee
  + A&S Council; asking for ad-hoc committee to be created to review elections.
  + Recommendation; asks for nominations; and one election, information with standing meeting times and charges. What are the advantages of the current system or updated system? What is problematic?
    - Discussion: sub-committees may not need to be by election; may not be able to serve; bias of name-recognition. Need to get service.
    - Voting at the same time; too many could be voted onto communities.
    - What is working well and what needs to be updated? Maybe not doing it the same way?
  + Motion to create ad-hoc committee; need to populate the committee. Reach out to those who haven’t served. Nominations: Curt Cardwell; Tom Rosburg; Greg Wolf

Adjournment

* Closed at 4:40pm