

USI Faculty Senate Minutes  
October 6, 2017  
UC 2207

*Senators Present:* Rich Bennett, Peter Cashel-Cordo, Chuck Conaway, Charlotte Connerton, Ron Diersing, Wes Durham, Brett Long, Dane Partridge, Ken Purcell, Erin Reynolds, Peter Whiting.

*Visitors:* Provost Rochon, Shelly Blunt (Provost Office), Amy Chan Hilton (CETL), Ingrid Lindy (Admin Senate, HR), Riley Guerzini (The Shield)

*Approval of Minutes - September 22, 2017*

Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

*Report from Faculty Senate Chair*

- Peter Whiting attend the Presidents Council meeting on the new master plan for USI on September 26, 2017
- USI Human Resources is having a benefits bash listening session with faculty senate, administrative senate, staff council and retirees leadership on October 16, 2017
- Peter Whiting attended the Council of Department Chairs and Program Directors meeting on September 27, 2017. Stacy Draper presented the IT Security Policy and Amy Chan Hilton presented on the Tenure and Promotion Guidelines.

*Report from Provost Office*

- Academic Partnerships: Talk of other online delivery with other departments. Will have town hall meetings to discuss further. Looking at the market, USI needs to continue to be involved or other schools will fill the gap. So far, feedback from graduates has been positive.
- Academic Affairs/Student Affairs Retreat: Need to think about what it will take to reach the 2025 enrollment goal.
- Honorary Degree: Nominations are open and spread the word.
- Convocation: Next week, will get email on the details. So far 250 faculty has RSVP'd. Will have 300 seats for audience.

*New Business*

- Catalog of Faculty Senate Charges: There are open charges that people are not aware of. Previously, there was a log of charges. Motion was made to restart this practice. The motion was unanimously approved, no abstentions.
- Request for Senate Statement on Presidential Search Committee: Charge sought a statement from senate about the presidential search. Charge was unanimously refused, no abstentions.

- Counseling Center Response Time: Dr. Rochon is aware of the problem and said that if a student is in crisis, the counseling center will drop everything to see the student. Motion to have the Student Affairs committee talk to the Counseling Center, see what their needs are, and give a report. Motion was unanimously approved, no abstentions.
- Long Term Health Care: This charge has come up before, but it has been a couple of years. Ask Economic Benefits Committee to review previous charge and see if anything has changed and see status with HR. Motion was unanimously approved, no abstentions.
- Degree Concentrations: Charge is to see whether or not a concentration may be presented on transcripts. Curriculum Committee is already looking at this and an update should be presented to senate by the end of the semester.
- Family Leave Benefits: Need to look into or clarify policy so people have a better understanding of what happens. Invite HR to a future meeting and have a written explanation of these benefits.
- LLC Sponsors: Compensation has been varied between overload or stipends. Need to hear what the plan is. They are aware of this problem and it is being investigating. Will ask for report on what was found.
- Faculty Senate Review of Promotions Committee: Add clinical track for promotions committee, because they would be more familiar with clinical track materials. Motion to ask Faculty and Academic Affairs Committee to look at this to see how it would work. Motion unanimously approved, no abstentions.

### *Adjournment*

Meeting was adjourned: 4:13pm.