

Faculty Senate meeting

11 September 2020

Senators in Attendance: Rex Strange, Brandon Field, Adrian Gentle, Bartell Berg, Shannon Pritchard, Jamie Seitz, Jinsuk Yang, Kenny Purcell, Laura Bernhardt, Mary Doerner, Marilyn Ostendorf, Peter Cashel-Cordo, Sang woo Heo, Mike Strezewski, Steve Gruenewald, Hayden Olberding.

Other Attendees: Suzanne Leahy, Mohammed Khayum, Shelly Blunt, Amy Chan Hilton, MT Hallock Morris

- Held via Zoom meeting. Called to order: 2:36pm.
- Approval of minutes from last meeting
 - Several incomplete sentences were included in the distributed minutes, and those were corrected.
 - Last meeting minutes unanimously approved with modifications made.
- Chair's report:
 - Presentation by Suzanne about the flyer composed by the League of Women Voters for distribution to students regarding the upcoming election, both early voting and voter registration information.
 - Committee updates:
 - Curriculum committee will have their first meeting next Friday. On the agenda will be deadlines for course petitions for the next calendar year. It has been tentatively moved up from mid-October to October 1st. Also on their agenda is the election of a new chair.
 - Faculty Affairs committee met.
 - FASTRC Committee had their first meeting, and they held an election for a new chair, however the outgoing chair is under the impression that he should remain as chair through December. Rex plans on sending out an email to recognize the person who was elected as chair for both the fall and spring semesters to prevent last year's chair from staying on for Fall.
 - Vice chair of Senate: Peter Cashel-Cordo was willing to serve as vice chair, with the understanding that he will not be on the Senate next year, so he would not be able to serve as Chair-elect. He was elected by acclamation.
 - It was brought to Rex's attention by one of the alternates that it would be a good idea to include the alternates in the email of the agenda and meeting attachments to keep them in the loop. He did that for this meeting, and will continue to do so.
- Provost's Report:
 - Enrollment update: about 2.5% below our enrollment goals as of this week. For credit hours generated, about 3.3% below where we were last year. This is

- about the same as where we were at the last Faculty Senate meeting. Since this is for Fall, we could double the shortage for the entire year.
- The Board of Trustees will be provided the enrollment numbers as soon as census day numbers are final. There was a reduction in State appropriations for next year, which will also need to be taken into account. The total reduction may be something like \$6M.
 - There will be a process that will involve the Campus community with regard how we will cope with the shortfalls.
 - The Covid dashboard is being updated weekly. Contact tracing process is getting quicker. The number of tests that have been done at the on campus testing site are not enough that we can report data from them yet.
 - Strategic plan: responses from the Faculty Staff survey will be composed and used to consider what the next steps should be.
 - Question about what protocols or definitions are to determine how "financial exigency" can be defined. The answer was that since we have never declared this before, there are no written guidelines that exist currently. "Threatening the continued existence of the institution" is one phrase that can be used to interpret exigency.
 - New business: Charges from the Core 39 committee
 - Core 39 Assessment Cycle: looking at the data from the first three cycles of assessment, which were three years. Based on complaints from the departments and faculty members, this was aimed at making the assessment process less onerous.
 - Motion was made to table this motion and continue discussion on the next charge. Motion carried 9-1 with 1 abstention.
 - Core 39 Learning Objectives: Some of the areas of the Core have 4 or more objectives. The number of learning objectives should be standardized across the Core categories. This would be for the next assessment cycle, so there would be a two year time period that the groups involved in the categories can discuss the outcomes that they really want.
 - The question was asked about what groups would be convened to discuss the Core categories. A friendly amendment was made that the authority to make up the committees that revise the learning objectives to the Core 39 Council. Amendment was accepted.
 - The charge is to construct the committees to revise the learning objectives, and once these new learning objectives are developed, they will go to Faculty Senate for approval.
 - Charge approved unanimously.
 - Core 39: Number of Core Categories per course charge. The charge proposes that any individual course can only be put into one WOK category and one

- embedded category, or else a writing embedded and one other embedded category.
- The courses that are currently approved for more than these categories will be grandfathered in perpetuity.
 - The charge passed unanimously.
 - Core 39: Removal of Courses from the Core.
 - Charge was approved unanimously.
 - Core 39: ENG 201 outcomes.
 - Charge was approved unanimously.
 - The other charges were moved to the next meeting, as the Core 39 charges were the priority.
 - Adjourned: 4:27pm

Minutes recorded by Brandon Field, secretary.