

# ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2019

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM

4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, LRC

CHAIR: Joshua Cameron

VICE CHAIR: Malika Kachani

SENATORS: Keith Boyer, Beth Boynton, Rosana Bravo, Casey Chaney, Donna Emanuele, Ed Goering, Eric Gupta, Rod Hicks, Shalechia Hunt, Malika Kachani, Jerome Lacroix, Kabir Lutfy, Linda Pang, Yawen Peng, Valerie Quan, Beatrice Saviola, David Shofler, Steven Standley, Kimberly Walker

ABSENT: Pat Callard, Craig Kuehn, Jacqueline Truong

SECRETARY: Alyssa Rodriguez

Topic	Proposed Discussion	Actions
<p><b>REPORTS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Academic Standards &amp; Policy</b> – The committee set new goals for this upcoming year. Dr. Andrews has been invited to tomorrow’s meeting in regards to the Assessment and Program Review Committee name. Waiting on OIRE for the documents for the next program review. Dr. Emanuele and Dr. Hunt will start working on the Curriculum Committee Chairs meeting for this year.</li> <li>• <b>Academic Support Services and Planning/OPS Council</b> – The committee will be working on a Research Grant. Also will be releasing a survey to Faculty in regards to support services.</li> <li>• <b>University Faculty Affairs</b> – The committee is still working on collecting the college guidelines to make sure they are in congruence with the University Faculty Handbook. The University Faculty Awards are coming up again soon, the website will be updated with new information. In addition, the committee was tasked with looking into Posthumous degrees. This year, the committee will also be revising the Emeritus Policy and their stipend.</li> <li>• <b>Provost Discussion</b> – Dr. Cameron meets with the Provost once a month. For faculty participating in the strategic planning groups, those groups are not bypassing normal university processes. It has been a concern that has been raised by numerous groups. All of the policies that the groups create still have to go through Senate, Deans Council, Ops Council, etc. For individual faculty, when going through the P&amp;T process, make sure that you are being cognizant of conflicts of interests with members of those Promotion and Tenure Committees.</li> <li>• <b>Evaluation Task Force</b> – The task force had their first meeting last month. Dr. Malika Kachani is the chair.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>1. Call to Order</b></p>	<p>Meeting was called to order at 12:18pm by the Chair, Joshua Cameron</p>	
<p><b>2. Approval of minutes of previous meeting 12-10-18</b></p>		<p>Dr. Chaney motioned to approve the minutes as written, Dr. Boynton seconded, all were in favor.</p>
<p><b>3. Announcements</b></p>	<p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Research Conclave</b> – This has been confirmed with multiple people just not sure of the</p>	

	<p>actual date, thinking it will be sometime in February.</p> <p><b>Provost Candidates</b> – There will be four candidates for the Provost search. There will be meetings with the Academic Senate during lunch on the first day and then there will be a town hall with Faculty, Staff, Students, and Administration on the second day. The candidates will be meeting with the Provost, Deans, Operations Council, as well dinner with the President.</p>	
<b>4i. Shared Governance Survey/Workshop</b>	<p>Joerg Tiede from AAUP will be coming on February 1<sup>st</sup>. At 12noon he will be presenting on Shared Governance which would be open to the entire campus. He will also be meeting with the College of Veterinary Medicine and well as the College of Optometry. There will also be a few other workshops that day. If you would like to speak on a topic, please let Dr. Cameron know.</p>	
<b>4ii. Survey Faculty regarding Posthumous Degrees</b>	<p>Right before winter break, a survey was given to the Faculty in regards to posthumous awards. A general consensus was that giving a posthumous award is the right thing to do as a humanistic university.</p> <p>The questions comes up with do we give the award in the discipline of the students enrollment or should it be an honorary doctorate of humane letters? How far into the degree should they be in order to qualify for the doctorate? The mean was 62, which would be two thirds of the degree. After doing research at what other colleges have done across the nation, it is predominately that they are through their candidacy phase.</p> <p>Language will be put together and sent to Dr. Guidry.</p>	
<b>5. Student Conduct Policy</b>	<p>Dr. Cameron has been working with Dr. Sheree Aston, Dr. Beverly Guidry, Simone Miller, and Kim DeKruif to draft a policy on how to handle violations of professional conduct on campus. The group met with all of the Student Performance Committees and collected data to for the policy. The policy has been presented to the Student Performance Committee Chairs and Deans Council for their input. Dr. Cameron felt that it was important for the Senators to see it. This is not creating a single student performance committee group, its creating a policy that the college committees would abide by.</p> <p>A few concerns from faculty;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What to do when Title9 comes in play?</li> <li>• What is the timeframe for making decisions?</li> <li>• What happens if the Dean is directly involved?</li> </ul>	
<b>6. Next Meeting</b>	<p><b>February 11, 2019</b>  <b>Academic Assembly meeting: April, 2019</b></p>	
<b>7. Adjournment</b>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 12:55pm.</p>	