



Minutes for Faculty Senate meeting December 7, 2017

Meeting began at 12:15 PM

Members present: Adam Ekins, Aman Ghebremicael, Angel Luna, Brooke Ayars, Joann Chang, Penelope Cooper, Stephen Moore, Edward Schubert, Ila Peterson, Kathleen Turpin, Laura Alexander, Luis Martinez, Martha Martinez, Amanda Smith, Matthew Smith, Maureen Garrett, Paul Koblas, Steven Lund and William Blomquist.

A. ROLL

B. November 2017 minutes approved

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion on re-establishing the Dean of Instruction (Dean of Academics) position. It revolved around: (a) What exactly are the problems we are trying to correct? (b) Are these structural problems, personnel (i.e. personality) problems, or training problems? And (c) will re-establishing the DoI position simply add another bureaucratic layer, something AWC struggled against in the past? Clarify the job descriptions for the VP of Instruction, the putative DoI and the Dean of Career & Technology, the goal being for the dean(s) to do their job(s) without inhibitory oversight. We also should determine who is responsible for faculty training. Need to create a survey to gauge faculty thoughts on the issue.
2. Regarding the structure of the President's Council, it makes sense to find out how AWC will be restructuring in response to Strategic Planning before we go too much further. Matthew Smith will talk about restructuring with Pres. Corr on 6 Dec 2017, and we will revisit this issue next time.
3. Regarding the establishment of a mid-day open block for meetings, Matthew Smith will ask Elaine Groggett to run a report on class scheduling to determine whether there is a day with the least scheduling conflict. At some point we should probably survey faculty on this question via SurveyMonkey.
4. There seems to be wide approval for adding the Wednesday before Thanksgiving to the Thanksgiving break. To do so we will need to ensure there is enough seat time for students. In other words, if we remove a day in November we'll need to add a day at the beginning or end of the semester. Pres. Corr will need to be involved in this decision.
5. Just to be clear, Matthew Smith is chairing the committee that will be investigating the impact of the athletics program on AWC's budget. The committee is being assembled.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. There is no statement on professional ethics in the faculty handbook or in procedure. Paul Koblas will pull the Institutional Review Board (IRB) procedure to see what it says. In the meantime we should review the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) Statement on Professional Ethics for discussion next time.

2. Why is enrollment incrementally tracked up to the start of each semester? Probably to help with planning faculty and resources. Division Chairs receive FTSE data and can share it with their divisions.

E. ADJOURNMENT