



Minutes for Faculty Senate meeting October 3, 2017

Meeting began at 12:15 PM

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

Members absent: Shelly Sizemore

Invited Guest: Joe McLain, CIO

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Introduction and comments by Joe McLain:

We briefly discussed Colleague. Joann Chang and Light Bryant will represent faculty at the Colleague Oversight committee meeting on Colleague in November.

One of McLain's goals as Chief Information Officer is to help faculty members use technology to innovate and better connect with students. In response to various questions, he said: Information Technology Services (ITS) has established with Dr. Corr the need to phase in new technology and implement a long-term, self-sustaining plan that includes or addresses: hardware replacement, new software and hardware, bandwidth challenges, better communication between ITS and others, multi-year technology contracts to maximize growth and minimize costs, and the technical needs of all AWC campuses. Blackboard issues and the ability to use free software are both on the radar, but neither are urgent. McLain is putting together a group to discuss these issues and will include faculty members.

A. OLD BUSINESS

1. DC job description

- a. Three or five-year appointment: three-year appointment with option to renew as many times as desired but with an election if others are interested in the position
- b. How filled – popular vote, committee: the faculty in each division should decide whether the position will be filled by popular vote or committee

- c. Max equated load: due to a great deal of engaged discussion on whether a max threshold should be set for overload, this issue has been retained for more consideration and will be discussed again at the next meeting
- d. Must be off probation: all agreed on this point
- e. Appointment occurs in fall: the appointment for the next school year should occur before the current school year's Spring schedule has been set to allow the incoming DC to shadow the outgoing DC during the Spring without rescheduling classes
- f. If no volunteers, how filled: this issue not discussed

2. Athletics

Out of eight groups represented at this Senate meeting (seven academic departments and CTE), seven are in favor of examining the budget and costs associated with the athletics program and the associated impact on AWC's ability to serve its community. Senate members voted 16 to 2 to establish a committee to investigate the budget with the goal of examining the actual budgetary data regarding the athletics program.

3. Payroll issues

Not discussed.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Set-up mid-day open block of classes: given past efforts by AWC and Imperial

College, this issue may be controversial. It will be discussed within the divisions and brought to vote at the next Senate meeting.

2. Academic freedom procedure 625.1

According to various sources, a **policy** is a definite course of action, a guiding principle used to set direction in an organization, an official directive. A **procedure** is

a manner of proceeding, a particular way of accomplishing something, a series of steps. The academic freedom procedure should be discussed within the divisions and brought to vote at the next Senate meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.