

Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda
11am, Zoom meeting
2/24/2022

Call to Order: Cassandra Kuba, Scott Miller, Robin Weaver, Bob Mehalik, Jeanne Fazekas, Emily Sweitzer, Jesse Eiben, Clover Wright, Candice Riley, Carolyn Wass, Carrie Elkin, Wendy Batts, Stephanie Stern, Kristen Schaffner, JP Staszal, Scott Miller (Guest), Jeff Giovannucci, Brent Wilburn, Brian Oddi, Jimmy Hoover, Libby Larsen, Paul Sible

1. Review/Approval of 11/18/2021 Summary Notes

Old Business

2. Faculty Senate Integration Subgroup Update

- B. Mehalik states administration is supportive of faculty senate having a role in the curriculum approval process.
- Robin Weaver (Senate Secretary) discussed some of the conversations that are happening at ICC. Timeline and process is being developed with new policy and procedures. Faculty integration committee is still working on the process of curriculum approval process. Senate may have a role (as Clarion and Edinboro's senate does), and take the place of the initial departmental process we are familiar with here at Cal. ICC is sensitive to the timeline to approve curriculum to line up with registration for fall.
- At this point grad courses changes are to handle through ICC; however, undergrad courses (to be implement in fall 23) are to handled by local UCCs until July 1.
- There were supplementary comments on the ICC process and the how course caps will be implemented. Course caps are not currently an element of the course approval process for Clarion and Edinboro. The expectation is that course caps will be moving forward into Penn West.
- The conversation delved into specific questions regarding the process of ICC/ UCC and what the steps of new course approval will look like at each level. That is still being discussed. ICC chair, Mike Perrotti has scheduled meetings next week with current and new department chairs to explain the ICC process and documents.
- Brent Wilburn (Senator) asked a question regarding policy and language with the policy revision process and Robin Weaver asked a follow-up question regarding final grading policy. Some of these answers are in the process of being finalized with the Academic Affairs Functional Integration team (FIT). The FIT team is currently combing through dozens of policies that have been generated and revised over the past year. This is the final revision process of the policies that address course related topics, grading, registrar, and general student. FIT has just started to meet over the past

week to begin the final revision process. The team of 20 plus faculty and administrators meet weekly in subgroups and a collective group to finalize policy content and language. More specific answers to Brent and Robin's questions will be available in the upcoming weeks.

- B. Mehalik communicated there is a need for volunteers to serve on a selection committee for Honors Director and Center of Faculty Excellence.
- If anyone has questions for Dr. Dale, they should email them to B. Mehalik who will then pass them along.

3. University Senate/Assembly Update

New Business

4. President Pehrsson remarks (arrived right a noon)

- Discussed debt relief that is needed and how debt can be managed. Suggested Fawn Petrosky will come to faculty Senate or generate some information that will be shared with faculty to clarify our financial situation and the plan to help all faculty and staff understand our short term and long terms financial plans and concerns. A lot of positive comments came from this general discussion. At one point President Dale mentioned that at the end of 5 years we will have built this amazing university for the region and beyond, and will be able to see how "the hard work in the trenches", and our overall concerns at this moment will benefit the state system and students for generations to come.
- In favor of release time for innovative programs.
- Bob Mehalik (Faculty President) addressed how well we are doing with the Western Integration compared to the Eastern Integration. While there is a lot of work to be done with our process, comparatively, we are well beyond the steps of the process with the Eastern Integration.

5. VP Miller remarks

- Lead process is well underway. Slates were to be sent to Dave Hartley for approval, then elections were to be held by March 1.
- ICC policies and procedures and bylaws were approved at the local Meet and Discuss, they are slated to be presented at the state level Meet and Discuss on 2/25/22. Pleased that ICC is working on gen eds in addition to the curriculum approval process and that they will be offering public comment periods for faculty feedback.
- Representative from Biology department expressed concerns about course approval for courses not formally included in a specific program. Response, there will be a process in place to approve these courses. Likes the interdisciplinary nature of these courses.
- States faculty senate will have a role in curriculum approval process.

- There is a Shared Governance task forces working on this issue and communication flow. Jamie Phillips and Kelly Moran co-leading.
- Grad registration may be moved back slightly to accommodate the approval process of ICC
- Academic affairs have a FIT team looking at policies and strategic planning.
- Attended CalU Play last evening, production was fantastic
- There has been a recent shift to focus on Grad student integration. We are working to catch up with the integration work for our graduate programs. The recent shift has focused editing the policy and procedures we expect to implement with our undergraduate programs to reflect the graduate programs needs
- VP miller discussed some of the work the Fit Committee is working on. Some of that is addressed in the above comments.
- Interdisciplinary degrees: Understanding the need to combine programs and degrees are in discussion. We are figuring out how to come up with a structure to make this happen.
- What will the role of faculty senate be in curriculum? Clarion and Edinboro has played a larger role in curriculum development compared to Cal faculty senate. We expect the integrated senate to continue to play a role in curriculum development/ approval. This was also addressed in the above comments.

6. Update on Integration and Shared Governance – open discussion

7. Upcoming Senate meetings (March 31st, April 28th)

Announcements

Adjournment: 12:35