

Academic Assembly
September 25, 2017
2:05 – 3:35pm, STCN 130

MINUTES

Present: Pat Buchsel, Felipe Castillo, Terri Clark, Mark Cohan, Marc Cohen, -

Voy, Charles Lawrence, Emily Lieb, Agnieszka M

Pepper, Frank Shih, Gregory Silverman, Julian

- B. Discussion of AcA role as recommendatory to Provost
 - 1. Some areas do require AcA approval to move forward
power
 - 2. The Chart of Authorizations, outlining these areas of
Faculty Handbook

- c. Committee will meet a few times in late October/early November, with candidates coming to campus in January
 - d. Need these appointments by first week of October
 - 2. Also looking for a Director of University Core
 - a. Need clarity on whether the Core Executive Committee is continuing this year
- III. Brainstorming Session – Issues for the Year (small groups)
 - A. Increase ratio of tenure track to non-tenure track faculty – benchmark where we are in relation to other institutions
 - B. Work on faculty complaint process – current grievance committee process is not working
 - C. Improve admissions, simplify process and speed it up, receive materials directly from students
 - D. Corporatization of the university, concerned with budget crisis and not losing academic quality and our soul/mission
 - E. Summer teaching – in some colleges, push to not allow established faculty to teach in the summer, or teach less in the summer
 - F. Concern about faculty voice in decision-making, including why the focus of unionization effort is only on non-tenure track and not broadened to all faculty
 - G. Evaluate the scope and responsibility of the assembly with the goal of a more equitable, balanced relationship with the P

T. Campus climate, need to have information about how to address rising issues – hate speech, rising tensions on campus