

Academic Assembly
May 20, 2019
2:05-3:35pm, STCN 130

MINUTES

Present: Present: Felipe Anaya, Sarah Bee, Pat Buchsel, Mark Cohan, Marc Cohen, Miles Coleman, Clara Cordova, Charlotte Garden, Naomi Hume, Nalini Iyer, Kathleen La Voy, Shane P. Martin, Agnieszka Miguel, Michael Ng, Frank Shih, Mo Sin, AJ Stewart, Colette Taylor, Mark Taylor, Kirsten Thompson

Minutes taken by Nicole E. Moses

Review of 5-13-19 minutes

- A. Motion to amend section IV. E: Section 5.3 Officer Eligibility
 - 1. "As AcA VPs attend various upper-administration meetings (Provost's Council, Board of Trustees meetings, meetings with Provost and Associate Provost), having NTT faculty members in those roles would increase the opportunity for administration to hear the voices, concerns, and perspectives of NTT faculty"
 - 2. Motion to approve amendment
 - a. 13 approve, 0 oppose, 2 abstain
 - 3. Motion to approve minutes with amendment
 - a. 15 approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain

Provost Update

- A. Law school had their commencement at McCaw Hall and it went well
- B. Non-Law Commencement will be in the Convention Center, with a limited number of tickets per student
- C. Enrollment is still in flux, continues to move forward while transfer deadline hasn't happened yet
- D. Law School enrollment has strong numbers so far
- E. Following previous AcA meeting and the conversation around the bylaws draft and discussion, will look to add feedback to Bylaws draft over the summer for consideration at AcA in the fall

NTT Committee Discussion

- A. Updated motion language
 - 1. Original Tabled Motion: "The Academic Assembly (AcA) recognizes the Non-Tenure Track Steering Committee to the Provost as a committee reporting to the AcA but not a subcommittee of the AcA. The Non-Tenure Track Steering Committee to the Provost is included on the list of committees maintained by the AcA."
 - 2. Amended Motion (amendment underlined): "The Academic Assembly (AcA) recognizes the Non-Tenure Track Steering Committee to the Provost as a committee reporting to the AcA. The Non-Tenure Track Steering Committee to the Provost will be included on the list of committees maintained by the Committee on Committees, a standing committee of AcA starting AY19-20. AcA pledges to work with Non-Tenure Track

Steering Committee, and its future iteration, on the betterments of NTT and all faculties.”

B. Discussion:

1. Will the committee anticipate if they want to be a standing committee? For now, this part is vague
2. Both bodies are moving towards something better
3. Concern for recognizing body that doesn't have a formal reporting process to AcA
4. Those issues shouldn't stand in the way of NTT faculty having a committee to represent them
5. NTT committee has been working for over 2 years to develop this plan
6. Can work on standardizing their charge and membership over the summer, with Committee on Committee working group of AcA
7. Non-Tenure Track Steering Committee to the Provost is full name of committee
8. This is an opportunity for NTT to be recognized and AcA to standardize their committee
9. Committee on Committees will suggest a reporting process to AcA (dedicated member, etc.)
10. Need to determine NTT representation on AcA, this is part of proposed bylaws revision

4. 40 additional online students for Alber's
5. Law school is launching completely online legal studies degree
- I. \$11 million in new investments
 1. Focused on compensation and revenue growth
 2. Wage pool, fringe benefits, staff family/medical leave, etc.
 3. Athletics enrollment
- J. Discussion:
 1. Why are administrative/staff salaries differences higher than faculty?
 2. Clarification on last chart other section: includes MarCom, HR, Diversity and Inclusion, University Council, etc.
 3. Specific examples of what was cut: there was 1 position in IT that was eliminated, there were recycle costs that we eliminated
 4. Academic Affairs
 - a. Cabinet was prioritizing academic affairs
 - b. Faculty retiring at full professor level helped
 - c. Number of sections based on enrollment numbers
 5. Budget cuts do not reflect the "refresh" faculty and staff receive for their computers
 6. Next two fiscal years will run a deficit
 7. Have not done multiyear plans in past, now enacting that, which would include worst case scenarios
 8. Enrollment budget has \$1.7 million contingency
 9. Law School
 - a. There are a lot of unknowns in the landscape of leg (s)hua ldsllme14 Tw -35c -0.008 TI 0.228 .2 Tw 7.2

F. Discussion

1. Size of working group shouldn't be too big, so everyone can meet accordingly and develop a plan
2. Few members should be from Rank and Tenure committee, few people from AcA, few people from provost's office to sit down together and work out a proposal to bring back to AcA in fall to populate URTC for their work beginning November 1
3. After that, member appointment process would happen regularly in spring for the following year
4. Colette Taylor, Mark Taylor, Nalini Iyer, Lindsay Whitlow have volunteered to lead working group
5. Verbally amended the motion with the four AcA selected members.
6. Motion to suspend one week voting rule
 - a. 15 approve, 0 oppose, 1 abstain
7. Motion to appoint above names to working group and affirm the Path-Forward Plan
 - a. 13 approve, 0 oppose, 3 abstain

Program Review Committee

A. Asian Studies Program Review

1. Strong program and faculty, but has low enrollment numbers
2. External reviewer recommendations for program to continue its work on campus and collaborate with other programs, develop UCOR courses as feeders to the major
3. Discussion
 - a. The program director has a course release
 - b. Program is directly relating to SU's mission, so there should be a way to restructure for success
 - c. Interdisciplinary programs without a department sometimes get stuck between "there aren't enough resources to dedicate to the program because of low enrollment, but can't increase enrollment without more resources"
 - d. Advising workload isn't always reflected because some students go to where their program is housed
 - e. Wider issue: it's not about the content but the consistency between programs
 - f. No logic to what a department is, what is a program, and the relationship between

5. Motion to approve amendments
 - a. 13 approve, 0 oppose, 2 abstain
 6. Motion to approve with amendments
 - a. 14 approve, 0 oppose, 2 abstain
- Open Discussion
- A. Reminder: faculty forum for online education is tomorrow
 - B. Strategic Planning has rollout of preliminary version of plan at upcoming forums
 - C. Add bookstore underorder issue to future agenda