

Academic Assembly  
June8, 2020  
2:05-3:35pm, Zoom Meeting

concerned questions. The Provost believes the policy decision was in the best interest of the students during these times of great distress. However, the Provost understands the necessity to alert and consult with faculty when policy adjustments are made. The Provost acknowledges that consulting with the Dean only, was not a sufficient amount of consultation in an institution dedicated to shared governance. The Provost believes that there is an opportunity here to find a better way forward what would allow for faculty input into future decision making processes during crisis situations. For 6 (e) 9.1 (i) 5 (w) 1.45 - 0.004 Tcw 0.224.4 (6 0) - 4.4 (o) 1.9 (no o) - 7.1 (f) ] TJ - 0.001 (w) - 1w 1.80f24 0 Td [(t) onstnn (ut) 2.7 (i) 5.1 (he) 9 (r) 4 (e) 9.1 (i) 5 (s) 10.579.2 (he) 9Ad (79.4.6 (t) 2.d i) 5 (s) 10.5 (Oa) - 3.9 ( ) ] TJ ( ) ] TJ

Discussion/Questions

- i. Were students or faculty consulted at all in the creation of the academic policy or ~~was~~ this administrative decision ~~only~~? Depend~~s~~ the definition of consultation. The policy change was primarily based on student input, but the policy draft was not expressly shown to any student.

V. CAS Motion on June 3, 2020 Academic Accommodation

2:30–2:35

- a. Motion: The AcA moves to approve the following:

“Whereas the world is in crisis from the viral pandemic that is ~~COVID~~ and an epidemic of racist police violence; Whereas Seattle University is driven by a mission of social justice and a desire to help our community and students serve the common good; Whereas decisions that shape curriculum, budgets, and the future direction of Seattle University will need to be made in limited periods of time; Whereas in times of crisis it is vital for leaders on campus to reach out broadly to inform their decisions;



- l. The closure of Seattle Public schools and the question of childcare continues not to be considered as a factor for faculty being allowed to remain remote. While this question may not be reflected in the survey data, it is being discussed and it is acknowledged that if the Seattle Public Schools are closed, the entire landscape for fall planning changes.
- m. The community hopes that if some groups are doing well and wish to continue working in their current modality, they will be allowed to do so. Would it be possible to make room for groups as their circumstances are determined? This question of differing populations across the campus community have been raised in conversations. HR continues to offer a wide variety of ever-evolving accommodations for all its faculty and staff under the current conditions. HR is working on a set of FAQs for both health and non-health related accommodations that will be posted to its webpage.
- n. The faculty would please ask for an explanation as to why the Graduate enrollment percentages were all grouped together? How are graduate courses and their different delivery methods being examined? The working group felt that they would gather more information for individual programs only if specific accommodations were needed. In retrospect, the working group agrees that they should have broken out those numbers from the survey.

**VII. PRC Year End Business** Terri Clark

3:20 – 3:25

- a. Motion: The AcA moves to waive the one week rule. **Seconded. VOTE APPROVE: 14, OPPOSED: 1, ABSTENTION**
  - i. Motion is passed -AcA waives the one week rule.
- b. AAHT Motion: The AcA moves to accept the Year Review of the Art, Art History and Design program. **Seconded. VOTE APPROVE: 13, OPPOSED: 1, ABSTENTION: 1**
  - i. Motion is passed -AcA accepts the Year Review of the Art, Art History and Design program.
- c. MSBLR Motion: **VOTE:**

- ii. Vice President for Curriculum: Terri Clark
- iii. President of the Academic Assembly: Frank Shih

**X. Farewells**

- a. Nicole Harrison expresses her sincere thanks to the AcA. Rose Murphy will be succeeding Nicole as the SGSU representative to the AcA for the ~~20~~21 AY.