ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL

MINUTES
TUESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2018
2:00-3:00 P.M. - 107 LABORATORY OF MECHANICS

Members Present: Andrea Wheeler (chair); Frank Peters; Doug Jacobson; Brian Benken; Janice Friedel; Eric Cochran; Don Beitz
Absent: Pesquera-Colom; Rahul Parsa; Ann Van der Zelen; (Karen Zunkel, substitute) Bianca Zaffrano (Courtney Vengrin, substituting); Ann Smiley-Oyen
Guests: Peter Martin. Tom Brumm

I. Call to Order [Minutes recorder: Andrea Wheeler]
   A. Welcome by chair
   B. Welcome to new members of the AAC this year. Introductions from all members present and substitutes.

II. Minutes of 3 April, 2018. Approved by email.

III. Announcements: None

V. Committee Reports:
   A. FS Curriculum Committee – Jacobson. Not yet met this semester.
   B. Academic Standards and Admissions Committee – Peters. Not yet met.
   C. Outcomes Assessment Committee – Vengrin. Not yet met.

VI. Unfinished Business:
   Update on requirements for minor. Jacobson. Nothing new to report as FSCC had not yet met.

VII. New Business:
   A. Senate President’s Charges to the AAC Council. Peter Martin.
      Diversity requirement:-
      The senate president introduced the charges for the committee discussing the diversity requirement and the need for a fresh look at this curriculum issue to revisit the diversity course requirements. The president suggested a three-tier approach to the diversity courses as one suggestion. The student government may also have an interest in this and their involvement was suggested. It was suggested the Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion and his office be consulted. The charge is for new ideas and new approaches to address the issue.

      Student evaluations of Teaching Taskforce:-
      The second charge as described was for liaison with the Student Evaluation Taskforce. This is a senate and faculty taskforce including Jonathan Sturm and Sara Marcketti. It will concern how to best evaluate teaching, and the best role for the AAC in supporting and working with the committee is to be defined. The AAC may offer a perspective to the taskforce, and it is anticipated also that students may want to be consulted.
B. Feed Technology Undergraduate Minor. Tom Brumm.
Discussion was had of the requirement of students to be of “good academic standing” and, after deliberation, this was requested to be removed from the proposal. The proposal was voted to move to the EB.

C. Itec name change.
Discussion was had of the nature of applied engineering. The proposal was voted to move to the EB.

D. New Business from the floor.
Curriculum Approval Document prepared by the SVPP office was raised by Karen Zunkel.

VIII. Adjournment