

Faculty Senate Governance Council Meeting

February 20, 2020

4:00 – 5:00 PM

Lab of Mechanics

1. Present: Sponseller, Brett A [V MPM], Chair
2. Quam, Andrea L [ARTGR]
3. Schneider, Ian C [C B E]
4. Royston, Natalie A [MUSIC]
5. Vrchota, Denise [PSYCH]
6. Faber, Carol H [ARTGR]
7. Dollisso, Awoke D [AGEDS]
8. Bratsch-Prince, Dawn [SVPP]

Minutes approved by a unanimously vote.

Committee on Committees: Carol Faber, chair (and President-Elect) – reported that “Speaker Series” option has been selected for spring faculty conference.

Senate Documents Committee: Denise Vrchota, chair – reported:

1. Constitution was reviewed in 2006. Currently, a review of the constitution is ongoing
2. Each committee member is assigned one page to review
3. Expected to bring substantive change to the governance document when ready
4. Bylaws have been reviewed more recently

Discussion took place by the council on limits of president and secretary of the Senate positions. The council recognized the need to have clarity and consistency in enforcing term-limits and agreed to revisit this issue before next year’s election.

College and Departmental Document Review Committee: Awoke Dollisso, chair – reported:

1. That the CDDR Committee received completed Checklist from two colleges only – University Library and College of Human Sciences
2. The committee met and reviewed the submitted Documents
3. The College of Human Sciences has aligned and updated its governance document with the Faculty Handbook. However, the committee discovered a significant gap in the University Library governance document
4. The University Library Governance Documents seem to be fragmented into multiple documents without clear connections or flow.
5. The first three sections do not include items *mandated by the Faculty Handbook* in the areas of mission and governance, appointment policies, and evaluations and reviews.

6. The committee asked the University library to:
 - a. Organize your existing documents into a single, coherent document that captures all the relevant governance policies.
 - b. Promptly address the mandatory items in the first three sections: mission and governance, appointment policies, and evaluations and reviews.
 - c. Submit an updated document along with a completed checklist by May 1, 2020.

Committee Reorganization

1. University Services Committee (USC) – Carol reported that there is a lot of overlap between the roles of University Services and RPA – Representative Committee. After considerable discussion, the council came to conclusion that it is time to discontinue the University Service Committee. Andrea Quam made a motion to discontinue USC; and Natalie Royston seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.
2. Committee on Committees – meets only when there is an opening. It is mainly advisory. Council suggested further review of committee roles and then consider consolidation.

Evaluation of Teaching – The chair stated that we need more information before proceeding with discussion on this topic. Thus, discussion on the topic is delayed until the council receives more information from current Faculty Senate President et al.

The meeting adjourned at 5:08 PM.