

Academic Governance meeting
3/2/2016

Attendees

Faculty: Neal Abrams, Eddie Bevilacqua, Mary Bryant, Russ Briggs, Biljana Bujanovic, Jessica Clemons, Jonathan Cohen, Ted Dibble, Klaus Doelle, Mark Driscoll, Jo Anne Ellis; Marie Fortier, Rene' Germain, Richard Hawks, Dawnelle Jager, Doug Johnston, Shijie Liu, Maren King, Greg McGee, Bob Meyer, Doug Morrison, Chris Nowak, Matt Potteige, Kim Schulz, Gary Scott, Ken Tiss, Scott Turner, Jane Verostok, Tim Volk, Sarah Vonhof, Chris Whipps

Staff: Caroline Bailey, Marlene Braun, Debbie Caviness, Laura Crandall, Debra Driscoll, Claire Dunn, Casey Duffy, Terry Ettinger, Kevin Guerin, Mark Hill, Amelia Hoffman, Mike Kelleher, David Kiemler, Karen Moore, Joseph Pagcaliwagan, Dana Piwinski, Aaron Rounds, Erin Tochelli, John Turbeville, Suzette Vandeburg, John View, Heidi Webb

Students: Scott Bergey, Mike Jones, Ben Taylor, Tyler Shields, Margaret Foley, Chris Maldonado, Jordan C'Dealva-Lenik, Frank Bailey, Erika Sykes, Denali Trimble

Management Confidential: Gary Peden, Joe Rufo, Bob French, Mark L., Chuck Spuches, Tom LeRoy, Scott Shannon, Quentin Wheeler

1. OpeningRemarks (Donaghy)
 - a. Minutes (approved)
 - b. Announcements

2. Spotlight on Research (Jess Clemons) – now accepting applications. It's a one day event, for 2 hrs. 100 UG and 50 Grad posters. There's only a couple of folks on the committee and so not as much work. It will be a celebration with posters not being judged and they will be arranged by Dept. As faculty, thank you for supporting this! Committee would welcome new members.

3. Committee on Curriculum Actions (Dayton Rueter)
 - a. BS in Environmental Science and Health Option Area – new study area within the Dept. **Approved? all ayes**
 - Food Studies Minor (New) – Russ Briggs - courses at SU and Rick Welch with SU is working us to get this established. We think it will draw students. **Approved? all ayes**
 - b. BS in Chemistry Curriculum Revision – Ted Dibble – adding a seminar, changing another course, and ??? **Approved? all ayes**
 - c. Minor in Landscape Architecture (New) – Dayton – developed this to strengthen their relationship with ES. Scott Shannon – they've had a minor with SU, but just thought that we should have one here as well. **Approved? all ayes**
 - d. Submission of new fall courses should be in by 3/8.

4. IQAS Committee Report (Donaghy)
 - a. GenEd review and now there's a spin off committee

- b. Also serve on Academic Standards committee
- c. Help nominate and vet Teaching Awards – this year’s is due by 4/1.
- d. Scantron scanner
 - Purchased in November and it’s in Moon 9A. Heidi is overseeing it and she’s happy to schedule an appt for anyone who wants to schedule a meeting to learn how to use it.
 - We can’t use SU forms and will be using a generic form for this spring.
 - We will be doing a custom form (similar to SUs) without a Gender box.
 - If you want to order some forms, let Kelley know and she’ll order the forms.
 - Kim – can we go back to doing inclass evaluations now that we have our own?
 - Kelley – table and we’ll talk about it in committee
 - Chris – coordination with ODS? So they have our forms?
 - Kelley – we will look into.
- e. Overview of a proposal/white paper advocating for a Teaching and Learning Center – hope to have by May
 - Propose having a full time Director (funded on soft \$) and another person to help support teaching
 - Shop around to Bristol Meyer, Honeywell, etc.
- f. Advising sheet from FYE committee (Laura Crandall, chair) – in the back. Vetted and endorsed by IQAS and Dean Shannon.
- g. Classroom Renovation Committee (joint b/ IQAS and Tech committee)
 - Create prioritized list of classrooms for renovations
 - We’ve looked at room usage, looked at ESF spaces and quantified how many times a rooms reserved. Also, worked with Registrar on classroom use. Gives us numbers, e.g., >1200 students would be affected by fixing Marshall Aud. 30 classes have >100 students/class.
 - Looked at room status and availability – who can access it and what’s in the room.
 - Did a campus survey of faculty, staff, and grad students. Met with UGA and GSA.
 - 148 people completed the survey – 80% teach in the rooms, 34, 48, and ??
 - Technology was #1 for both classrooms and labs.
 - Building a criteria rubric to apply to classrooms.

Eddie – how does this fit into the scheduled reset?
 Neal – are renovations going to be based on high use? or not using a room because it isn’t usable?
 Chris – when you come up with the priorities will you reinvolve the faculty?
 Heidi – our charge was not to do that. Hopes the capital planning committee can use what we’ve pulled together.
 Gary Peden – we absolutely will. Brian will be heading that up and he’ll reach out.

5. Strategic Planning Committee Update (Chris Nowak) -

- Working on a second internal draft. Similar to what they had in November.
 - Goal Assessments
 - Accomplishments – 68 were considered institutionally important
- ¼ from Visioning Statement, ¼ from 9/15 SP document, ¼ from the new

Departmental reports, ¼ from the group meeting last year that was not included in the 9/15 document.

- Key documents used...
- There will be lots of opportunities to be involved. The second draft will be released 3/11.
 - A series of informational sessions will follow to discuss the document and assess how it reflects
 - The final goal is to get a final document to President in April so he can take it to the BoT.
- New website has been launched – please take a look – please provide feedback.

6. Technology Committee Report (Turner)

- Forming a Presidential Advisory Committee – they've long been concerned with using technology to use in teaching and research.
 - Met with Executive Cabinet and talked about independence from SU.
 - Online learning is coming and we need to be prepared – we are in a media driven world.
 - Open Academy...
 - This should contribute to our getting more resources.
 - There are huge new possibilities for new pedagogy and enhancing our interactions with students.
 - The President has charged them to fluidize the development of online education, to make it more efficient.
 - This will stand or fall on the creativity of the faculty – there needs to be incentives and rewards.
 - Low hanging fruit are to identify courses that can be moved online – and they are doing this.
 - Met with AC yesterday to warn dept chairs that they are going to move forward with this.
 - Looking into software needs and ways in which skilled help can be made available.
 - On and on...

7. New Committee Announcements (Donaghy)

- a. Provost Search Committee
 - Final slate has been provided to AGECEC – we are meeting tomorrow to finalize
- b. Diversity Committee
 - Group met yesterday and will get a final slate before AGECEC shortly
- c. Capitol Planning Committee
 - Gary provided a final slate and AGECEC will consider tomorrow
- d. Academic Freedom Task Force
 - Very few volunteers – will send out again
- e. Engagement Task Force
 - Unknown