

# Academic Governance

02/23/2017

Attendees: Doug Morrison, Kelley Donaghy, Marie-Odile Fortier, Jonathan Cohen, Sharon Moran, Mark Driscoll, David Sonnenfield, Richard Hawks, Bob Meyer, Lemir Teron, David Newman, Diane Kuehn, Doug Johnston, Tim Volk, Ruth Yanai, Shijie Liu, Andrea Parker, Joanne Ellis, Greg McGee, Neil Ringler, Ruth Owens, Valerie Luzadis, Tristen Brown, Tom LeRoy, Tony Miller, Ken Tiss, Heather Engelman, Anthony Chefalo, Tom Carter, Rhea, Chris Maroney Mary Triano, Ray Appleby, John Turbeville, Heidi Webb, Scott Blair, Kevin Reynolds, Terry Ettinger, Sophie G-J, Jon Owens, Sue Sanders, Casey Duffy, Rebecca Hilts, Kevin Hayden, Amelia Hoffman, Wendy Osborne, Aaron Knight, Mark Hill, Christopher Baycura, Laura Crandall, Karen Moore, Claire Dunn

Terrance Caviness, Mike Jones, Tyler Shields, Caitlin Slife, Carolyn Chang, Gabrielle Donnelly, Ben Taylor, Richard Monaco

Quentin Wheeler, Chuck Spuches, Joe Rufo, Don Artz

- Call to Order
- Hoverter Half Hour
- Approval of Minutes
- Neal Abrams is now the Chair of the Student Life Committee for the remainder of the semester. Jack is retiring.
- Search vote is done for the CDO and VP of Enrollment. Results will be conveyed to the Committees.
- President Wheeler update:
  - Thank everyone for participating in Strengthening project
  - Having informal discussions with faculty
  - Building on our sustainability reputation with SUNY to be recognized by SUNY – we need capital funds to continue this.

- QWL upcoming events Tom LeRoy & Laura Crandall
  - Please participate – this is a great community
    - Fish Fry
    - Awards ceremony – quality of worklife, community service
    - Tom’s trying to get food trucks for the summer
    - End of the semester party
    - Summer picnic
    - Corporate challenge
- Changing financial aid rules Mark Hill/Donaghy
  - Sorry for the information – which will make our lives harder... came about because of an audit and \$4M issue
  - Students can only use financial aid for courses that are required.
  - Must take at least 6 credits that is required.
  - Otherwise, they can’t get aid.
  - If below 12 credits of required courses, then no state aid.
  - Double majors – no allowance on the state side. Federal side, they can still get loans.
  - Minors are not recognized as applicable – can not finish a minor and get aid.
  - Repeat courses – state - can retake once, if a higher grade is necessary. Federal more flexible.
  - Students who have not declared, it is more flexible.
  - Mark has put together a work group and working with computer folks to identify students who will be impacted.
  - Looking at their current level of compliance – 10-30% are not meeting the requirements.
  - They can’t identify these students until 4 wks in... so students may need to return \$.
  - What’s listed in the catalog needs to be right.
  - Goal is to be ready to share information and a publication on these changes – hopefully in time for planning for the fall semester.

- Responsibilities – student is ultimately responsible, but we need to support. Advisors need to be aware.
- Registrar is being informed.
- Unofficial withdrawal – any student who ceases to attend, but doesn't let anyone know, then they will have to return at least half of their aid.
- Mark – what happens if they change major? They won't be responsible for retro – a change in the middle of the semester will need to be carefully evaluated, though.
- Mark – any limit on length of time being undeclared? End of freshmen year, they must declare.
- What if a student wants to take 12 credits and then take extra to meet double major or minor? This is fine – and how it needs to be done.
- COACH – Sophie Gublo-Jantzen
  - SUNY is participating in a Harvard survey to determine faculty job satisfaction.
  - They've determined what the right questions are.
  - It was piloted in 2003 and it has been updated several times.
  - All questions will be de-identified. It is ILB approved.
  - ESF will appoint an advisory group that will receive the data and make recommendations (2 Assistant, 2 Associate, 2 Profs, and some admin (TBD)).
  - We should have received an e-mail yesterday inviting us to participate. It will take 25 min and is only online.
  - David S. - does it include tenured or adjunct instructors? Not adjunct.
- 2016-17 State Operating budget – Joe Rufo
  - Acknowledged Val's PPT and her work with Close the Gap – which is structural and needs to be addressed. They are doing this via increasing UG #s, Grad #s, become more efficient (lighting, etc).
  - Slide on how state aid has been reduced, we've gone from 27.9M to 22.6M – which doesn't account for inflation – so \$7–7.5M in actual purchasing power.

- Overview of income with most from state aid and tuition.
- Increase in UG, out of state, decrease in grads for fall.
- Most expenditures are to employees. We are on budget.
- Tuition waiver – \$2.3M short \$775K.
- SU contract has decreased, but we had to source out the lost services, e.g., Crouse. Transfer portion from IFR to offset costs... 1.8M is collected from students – that is half of what it costs.
- Dept costs – there are projects it doesn't look like will get done.
- Steam costs... normally projected high.
- Operating deficit of \$1.3M. Last year we just about broke even. This year, we have moved forward with hiring again and this is costing us. Hopefully, the great weather we are having help with getting below \$1M
- We have ~10% in reserves (policy is >10% <25%).
- Curriculum Committee – Shiji Liu
  - Advanced certificate for radiation curing
  - Graduate program in Sust Energy
  - MPS in Env Studies
  - OIGS revision
  - Certificate of Advanced Studies in Leadership
  - All were approved.
  - Course approval deadline: March 13
  - We need to have departmental conversations about online courses and shared resources courses.
  - They have a petition from UG students to remove courses that are no longer offered from the catalog – hopes depts. Can address this – Tom, we'll need to get this to the right people.
- Technology Committee – Heidi Webb
  - Acknowledged Committee
  - Identified 5 main things needing addressed:
    - Matching courses and room scheduling
    - Registration issues

- Tech issues in general, wifi, etc.
  - Onboarding new faculty hires
  - Chief Information Officer discussions are ongoing
- New staff representatives are on board.
- Inclusion, Diversity Committee - Scott Blair
  - ArtForce5 (from Alfred University) travels to campuses to have relevant conversations and are coming Tuesday 3/7 – one in the morning for faculty/staff and another in the afternoon for the whole campus.
- Old Business – none.
- New Business
  - Tom would like to sign for ESF in support of the Motion to Support University Faculty Senate Sanctuary Campus Petition
    - Discussion?
    - David Newman – if for some reason federal folks come up with something denying funds to sanctuary campuses, what would we do?
    - This goes on up to SUNY for a decision to be made – they have to figure that out.
    - Doug Johnston – suggest an online vote. Tom agreed – we will go to an online vote...
    - Kelley - What we are doing is to support this moving forward, not to say that we are. It passed SUNY Faculty Senate with 85% support. This is an opportunity to have discussions and decide where we want to be as a campus.
- Adjourn