

## Academic Governance Meeting

3/21/17

### ***In attendance***

**Faculty:** Neal Abrams, Greg Boyer, Bijana Bujanovic, Janine DeBaise, Ted Dibble, Kelley Donaghy, Mark Driscoll, Joanne Ellis, John Hassett, Richard Hawks, Ivan Ivanov, Doug Johnston, Valerie Luzadis, Stacy McNulty, Bob Meyer, Sharon Moran, Ruth Owens, Andrea Parker, Lindi Quackenbush, Neil Ringler, Bill Smith, David Sonnenfeld, Mark Teece, Ken Tiss, Elizabeth Vidon, Benette Whitmore, Quentin Wheeler

**Staff:** Ray Appleby, Christopher Baycurya, Caroline Bailey, Brian Boothroyd, Debbie Caviness, Laura Crandall, Claire Dunn, Casey Duffy, Heather Engelman, Terry Ettinger, Sophie Gublo-Jantzen, David Kiemle, Aaron Knight, Karen Moore, Joe Pagcaliwagan, Aaron Rounds, Susan Sanford, Katherina Searing, Mark Storrings, John Turbeville, Heidi Webb,

**Students:** Tyler Shields, Mike Jones, Jordan C'Dealva-Lenik, Jackie Gier, Richard Monoco, Terrance Caviness

**MC & other:** Ann Lombard, Chuck Spuches, Tom LeRoy, Mark Lichtenstein, Kevin Reynolds

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Move to accept Minutes – Accepted.

**Overview of SUNY ESF AG vote** for Tom to sign a petition as AG Executive Chair to support the Sanctuary Campus Resolution: 77 Yes, 26 No, 11 Abstain

Also, results from the voting to populating the two search committees are on the AG website.

### **Quentin update**

Went to Albany and talked with Alex Cartwright about needs and opportunities. They will prepare some requests. Some of what they emphasized was our students and the efforts for close the gap. Areas of opportunity: 1) Diversity, 2) IT infrastructure – away from SU, 3) Online education, 4) Sustainability – building on what we've done with the STARS system – making us a model within the SUNY system.

They continue to carefully monitor what is unfolding in Washington. Talk with Chris Nomura if you have concerns about research and where that is going.

**AG Elections:** AG Executive Chair, Secretary, Faculty Senator & alternate, SU Senator. Requests for nominations will come out shortly. Talk to folks, encourage them to engage.

**International Advisory Committee** to form to help inform Tom Carter.

### ***COC update – Mark Teece***

Natural Resource Program approval... Discussion? None. **All in favor? All ayes.**

Policy on Applied Learning – Approved option 1 – each UG student must complete an applied learning course at ESF. They looked at curricula and all majors have at least one component that fits this and so they approved it – it is what ESF does.

Discussion? Ted – can you remind us what does and does not count?

Mark – internships/research experiences – any at least 1 CR course that hits the 5 criteria (see PPT). A couple of classes will need to be a bit of tweaking to meet all 5 and Scott is working with faculty in charge of those courses.

Mark D. – can you petition out?

Mark – he does not know –

Tom – this will have to be worked out via a petition.

**All in favor? All ayes.**

The COC committee has been talking about online courses and how to move forward supporting them. Also, ongoing discussions about split courses – 400/600 and that 600 should have considerably higher expectations, though this isn't usually the case.

Scott Shannon is actively working with chairs to remove courses that are not being taught.

Jordan – a point of clarification is that Scott talked with the Registrar and determined there were 171 courses were inactive!

Lindy – some of those have not been taught as we have lost faculty who have not been replaced and so we don't want to get rid of the course and then have to redescribe it...

Valerie – it's important to recognize that Depts are supposed to review these annually. We are also looking for ways to indicate that a course is not being offered and when it may be offered again. The catalog is not a nimble document – students should always be advised to check the time schedule of courses.

Terry – can you provide a brief summary of where COC is with online courses?

Mark – they are right at the very beginning. For example, there's no accepted indicator for when a class goes online and there's no metrics for how to make this happen or minimum expectations for a course when it does go online.

Terry – so how do instructors who have ideas to offer participate in these discussions?

Mark & Barb – send an e-mail to the COC chair or show up for the committee meeting.

Valerie – this has also been discussed in Academic Counsel – there are important ramifications with these courses – it is not as simple as "I feel like doing it this way". This is something that requires a lot of conversations across campus – not just in COC.

Terry – there are people who have put a lot of thought into this and they are feeling left out. So much of what goes on in online courses deals with technology and can compliment teaching overall. He'd like to see us have a conversation and pull this all together.

Mark – COC is involved more in the policy aspect and there's nothing to guide them with regards to this, when to approve and when not to.

Tom – this is part of the future, we need to figure it out.

Announcements?

Doug Johnston – Community Engagement listening session is this Thursday, Mar 23 9:30-10:50 in Nifkin... please come!

Old business? None.

New business?

Brain Boothroyd – funding issues with ARB have resulted in a delay. Steam line work has also been delayed. Finishing some plans for the Roosevelt Wildlife Education Center – should start in the summer. He doesn't have much information on the Dome, but they have pushed the work back and it won't be this year. Work on Archibald may be sooner, but he doesn't know for sure.

Adjourn...