

Academic Governance Meeting

5/11/17

In attendance

Faculty: Neal Abrams, Tom Amidon, Sue Anagnost, Bijana Bujanovic, Avik Chatterjee, Jonathan Cohen, Janine Debaise, Kelley Donaghy, Mark Driscoll, Joanne Ellis, Ted Endreny, John Farrell, Marie-Odile Fortier, Rene Germain, Ivan Gitsov, Richard Hawks, Doug Johnston, Dave Keiber, Maren King, Diane Kuehn, Shijie Liu, Valerie Luzadis, Jack Manno, Bob Meyer, Anthony Miller, Jamie Mirowsky, Sharon Moran, David Newman, Lee Newman, Chris Nomura, Chris Nowak, Lindi Quackenbush, Neil Ringler, Gary Scott, Scott Shannon, Bill Smith, Art Stipanovic, Mary Thompson, Ken Tiss, John Wagner, Fran Webster, Benette Whitmore, Ruth Yanai

AG Staff: Christopher Baycurya, Scott Blair, Brian Boothroyd, Debbie Caviness, Anthony Chefelo, Laura Crandall, Casey Duffy, Claire Dunn, Heather Engelman, Terry Ettinger, Rebecca Hiltz, Aaron Knight, Joe Pagcaliwagan, Aaron Rounds, Katherina Searing, Mark Storrings, Mary Triano, Heidi Webb,

Student Reps: Tyler Shields, Mike Jones, Carolyn Chang, Caitlin Slife, Ryan Scheel, Jordan C'Dealva-Lenik, Gabrielle Connelly, Richard Monoco, Terrance Caviness, Erika Sykes

The meeting was called to order at 2:36

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Elections (Amidon)

- Academic Governance Chair: Ken Tiss
- SUNY Senator: Rick Beal SUNY Senator, Kelley – Alternate SUNY Senator
- SU Senator: Theresa Selfa
- Secretary: need a secretary

President's Comments (Wheeler)

- Congrats to election winners. Congrats to graduates. ARB has not been cancelled. There has been a hold put on some major projects and he is working diligently to make sure we get the funds.
- Issue of all gender restrooms has been received and discussed and they are aggressively pursuing how to fix these issues.
- Launched a fund raising event for women in science and engineering. They are proud of the female representation in this field.
- Planning a SUNY Sustainability Summit in the fall. Inviting other SUNY campuses. We are hosting due to our standing. The Chancellor will give the keynote talk.
- He participated in a workshop at the EO Wilson Biodiversity Foundation. This will be hosted in Newcomb. It will bring together the natural history community to support the half earth project they are engaged in.
- Please attend as many graduation events as possible.

Resolution on Academic Integrity (Abrams – Student Life Committee)

Anthony Chefalo, our AI director, worked with the SL Committee to bring this forward.

Concerns: the AI handbook is not in line with the student handbook. Faculty aren't actually required.

Should be a part of the Student Handbook. Should include a faculty. Should have an online process.

Should be in consultation with the SL Committee.

Heidi – so there won't be a handbook

Neal – correct.

Mark – should the last be it resolved be Academic Governance?

Neal – Yes.

Kelley – It should be a partnership with OIGS.

Neal – Yes.

Valerie – Just under the Provost...

UFS Report – Donaghy

- Senate met in Canton NY. Gwen Kay was elected as the new Faculty Senate Chair.
- General Education and teach NY. We are a bit ahead of other campuses.
- Support is flat to SUNY – the new normal.
- Can increase instate tuition by \$200/yr for 5 yrs.
- Overview of Excelsior Scholarship. After SUNY requirements (live and work in NY for 4 yrs) – if you don't, then it will convert to a loan that must be paid back. TAP comes in first to cover FA – then the Pell and then there is the TAP-gap. After these, then the scholarship would come in.
- Provost has been visiting campus. Talked about retention, performance improvement funds (53 received), etc.
- Resolutions
 - Contingent faculty should have a vote (ours don't). It passed 28:15. Some campuses have 75% of their courses taught by these faculty – and they aren't vested in the campus.
 - Populating Committees – what qualifies as Dean and above, similar conversations.
 - Part-time assistantships
 - Open access repositories – they are in support.
 - Changes to Bylaws to give official observer status to campus governance leaders – now they are trying to get a vote. (Failed 13:30)

Mark – working and living in NYS – would it count if they traveled.

Kelley – this is early on and it has a way to go... there is a dispensation for graduate school.

Resolution on Course Evaluations (Donaghy - IQAS)

Student evaluations used for improving teaching, P&T, institutional accountability, etc.

There are lots of literature on these evaluations. Attitudes matters. How questions are asked matters.

Teaching improvement is minimal on this campus and there is no support. There are lots of reports of bias against females. There's others that say there aren't – it comes down to the questions.

Electronic evaluations are as good as paper... as long as the response are adequate – which is the problem. We should be using course objectives – student's perceptions of the course objectives.

Richard – do we cease now? Or do we wait until we have something?

Kelley - Bob Malm said he'd like to see an amendment indicating the current system would remain in place until formal roll out of the new system in fall 2018.

??? – the intention is to move to Banner, which has some capability to modify these. We should think through this as we talk about implementing Banner.

Motion to accept the amendment – **all ayes**

Valerie – modify “to include this”

Kelley – changed...

Motion to accept the amendment - **all ayes**

Lindi – one of the problems we have with the current is we are using it for too many different things.

There's nothing here doing that. What are we trying to get out of this?

Kelley – the committee discussed this and they were hoping that being able to modify the questions would be addressed by that. She uses SOLG... and it is very flexible.

Mark – the resolved clauses should be coming from AG, not IQAS... just like in Neal's resolution.

Motion to accept the amendment - all ayes

Ivan – he agrees that the current survey is not the best, but the survey should still ask students their perception of instructional quality (accessibility), not just student experience.

Motion to accept the amendment - all ayes

Mark – any guestimate on how much a center would cost?

Kelley - ~\$100K and IQAS has been working on a proposal for this. This is for start up.

Chuck – thanks to Quentin and Valerie, they have \$ for a Center – it is consistent with Online courses, but will go broader soon.

Motion to accept the amendment – did not pass unanimously... 3 dissenters.

Proposed AG Bylaws Change on Secret Ballot Measure (Donaghy)

Clarification of how to call for a secret ballot. How the secret ballot is carried out must be approved by a majority of the body present.

Mark – Roberts Rules says something different from what our Bylaws says. We should have to put up with bullying on this campus. That is in there to protect the minority. There were 11 votes against the bathroom resolution. We should not allow the majority to bully the minority. Sargent of Arms should have had ballots with him last time. One person should be allowed to ask for a secret ballot.

Tom – both him and Bob were not prepared. They are now.

Dave Keiber - we shouldn't have a majority vote on something that makes others uncomfortable.

Fran – he supports it as well.

Kelley – read RR.

Mark – our Bylaws are clear. They supersede RR. We shouldn't change.

Bill Smith – the paper ballot doesn't take that long.

Ruth – we should clarify this process... one person should be able to do it, but it doesn't have to be approved by the majority.

Bylaws change – it will go out via an electronic ballot.

College Wide Recognition/Awards & Celebration of Students, Staff, & Faculty (Tom)

Meeting adjourned at 3:51

Minutes respectfully submitted by Melissa Fierke