

Academic Assembly
April 9, 2018
2:05 – 3:35pm, STCN 130

MINUTES

Present: Rick Block, Pat Buchsel, Mark Cohan, Brooke Coleman, Miles Coleman, Carlos de Mello e Souza, Allison Gibbons, Arie Greenleaf, Nalini Iyer, Kathleen La Voy, Chuck Lawrence, Emily Lieb, Agnieszka Miguel, Katie Oliveras, Steve Palazzo, Tracey Pepper, Frank Shih, Colette Taylor, Kirsten Thompson

Minutes taken by Rosa Hughes

- I. Review 3-19-18 Minutes
 - A. Vote – 13 approve, 0 oppose, 2 abstain
- II. University Grievance Committee – AcA Appointment
 - A. Discussion
 1. Nominees
 - a. Peter Brous (ASB)
 - b. Phil Thompson (CSE)
 - c. Kate Koppelman (CAS)
 - d. Brian McCullough (CAS/ASB)
 - e. Susan Matt (CON)
 - f. Cheryl Wotus (CSE)
 - g. Dylan Helliwell (CSE)
 - B. Motion to suspend one week rule for voting
 1. Vote – 15 approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain
 - C. Vote on nominees – paper ballot
 1. Peter – 10, Phil – 3, Kate – 13, Brian – 4, Susan – 11, Cheryl – 4, Dylan – 10
 2. Appointees: Peter, Kate, Susan, Dylan
- III. AcA Organizational Discussion
 - A. Meeting process
 1. Suggestion for President to keep checking in on speaking queue during discussion
 2. Balance between keeping the right order and giving time to those who rarely speak
 3. Ratio of tenured to non-tenured faculty should be on agenda for upcoming meeting
 - B. Heads up on remaining PRC business for AcA17-18
 1. MRC
 - a. A&S and MRC faculty met last week and Faculty Staff Senate recently endorsed the merger
 - b. Still in discussion, updates will come soon
 2. May see proposed changes to MS in Mechanical Engineering this quarter
 3. Firewall between NCS and other schools/colleges
 - a. Provost's Council is discussing
 - b. Proposal forthcoming to AcA
 4. Change of Major issue
 - a. Important input from AcA
 - b. Decision has been reversed, students can now change major the previous way
 - C. AcA transition to AY18-19

1. College/school selections should be starting in each school/college for those positions rotating off
2. Officers
 - a. Ideally bring forth nominations soon
 - b. VP for Faculty Handbook Revision Committee does not have to be tenured, VP for Program Review Committee does need to be tenured
3. Sabbatical Replacements
 - a. These follow a school/college process for quarter/year replacements
- D. Minor Issues (Abbreviations/Voting Rules)
 1. Abbreviation
 - a. AcA should propose a specific set of college/school abbreviations for consistency
 - b. There is a MarCom style guide, but those abbreviations sometimes are not what are used colloquially
 2. Voting Rule
 - a. Proposal to make it required to be present to vote
 - b. Sometimes opinions can be swayed by discussion in the meeting, also not available to vote on amendments
 - c. A formal motion will be made

IV. General Discussion

- A. State of the University
 1. Recent raise announcements
 - a. Approximately 6 percent for part time and non-tenure track faculty
 - b. AcA pressure was important in this process
 2. Funding for non-tenure track faculty
 - a. Long term process
 - b. Some additional funding is available starting in July via application
 - c. New titles with advancement and funding opportunities are in development (will come to AcA for review)
 - d. Space issues are being resolved
 - e. Creation of new email listservs for better communication amongst these faculty populations
 3. AcA Priorities
 - a. Prioritize discussion of diversity and inclusion, including faculty hiring processes, and perhaps advocate for cluster hires
 - b. Need updates on budget cuts for upcoming year
 - c. Need to continue to push for better and more budget transparency – present this to new provost as a fundamental part of shared governance
 - d. College-level governance and agenda priorities for new provost will both be on future agendas