

e APARC Minutes

August 25, 2020

Present: Elita Virmani (chair), Elias Lopez, Megan Burke, Laura Lupei, Stacey Bosick, Rheyna Laney, Kathleen Rocket, Catherine Fonseca, Merith Weisman, Emily Acosta Lewis, Trevor Paige, Damien Hansen
Notetaker: Emily Acosta Lewis

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Reports

APARC Chair's Report:

Elita met with Ex-com and it was a review of convocation and messaging from the President and Provost.

A high level summary of Ex-Com meeting: There are 3 primary priorities for us as a University as we move forward this year: Budget, Enrollment, and Racial Justice.

With regard to Budget Provost Moranski discussed prioritizing planning around shared governance to make SSU stronger as we come out of COVID. With regard to enrollment, the Provost Moranski discussed that currently first year enrollment at about 60% (970 students); Racial Justice, Provost Moranski mentioned that this is a priority as we move forward, all of us need to be not just talking but acting to undermine white supremacy.

Academic Affairs Report:

Academic programs communication: Provost Moranski discussed teaching virtually and making accommodations for students. There is a Racial Justice Canvas page which will be supporting these efforts and faculty discussions. There are two faculty fellow positions coming out about equitable and inclusive teaching and a program revision around student success.

APARC needs a new representative to the Stevenson Task Force team as Rheyna cannot make the meetings anymore. The meetings are Tuesday at 11am. We also need a representative on ATISS or someone from ATISS who can come to APARC. Catherine Fonseca will be the new liaison to UPRS as she is sitting on that committee already. Campus Planning Committee members are still being determined- generally the APARC chair sits on that committee.

Elita reviewed the charge of the committee for the new members. She said that we need to have more oversight with UPRS to ensure that we want to prioritize assessment as part of our process this academic year. Laura Lupei is our liaison to help with budget planning and priorities. We will review policies from EPC as well. EPC representative comes monthly to APARC meetings. Elita wants to keep a holistic view of what our charge and plans are. UPRS and ATISS are both subcommittees of APARC.

Elita wants to propose doing working groups in breakout rooms to be more productive in a Zoom space. We will do this once we have smaller projects that can be worked on in small groups. We will be in the large group for some ideas.

Elita reviewed the areas of planning, assessment, resource and budget, and policies for APARC.

Strategic enrollment management is something that we need to consider aligning with our work and the program review process. Elias mentioned that enrollment is down by 20% overall and figuring out what majors we want to grow and the allocation of resources. Elias says that what is missing is the great work that the program review plan has. We should be taking the Program Review more seriously and using it to help make decisions for funding, enrollment, and growth. Stacey wants to make sure that our portfolio of programs is representative of what we want to be as a university and also support programs to recruit the type of students we want to recruit. However, we also need to increase enrollment overall so it's a balance between getting enrollment and getting diverse enrollment. Stacey mentioned that the program review process will help with these decisions about what they're doing well and what they need to improve upon. Laura mentioned the 12% budget cuts across the board and at least three years in the future of budget reductions. Fewer students will contribute to these budget issues. Laura said that ten years ago, everyone hid and did not address things fully. We need to be strategic about the limited resources we have so that we can be proactive about enrollment and budgets.

APARC members went into a breakout room to discuss what we all bring to the table and how to get everyone's viewpoint and strengths brought to the table.

Everyone is supposed to review the priority recommendations from last year to see where we should focus our efforts. Elias updated the campus planning and conditions-that the survey portion needs to be put on hold until we're back in person.