

FSAC – April 16, 2020

1-3pm, Zoom meeting

Present: Stefan Kiesbye, Mary Wegmann (recorder), Richard Whitkus, Tom Whitley, Angelo Camillo, Paula Lane (chair), Deborah A. Roberts, Emily Clark (CFA), Emily Twisselmann (AS)

Convened: 1:00pm

Agenda: Approved

Minutes: Approved. Tom will take minutes on 4/30; Stefan will take minutes on 5/14.

Standing Reports:

Chair (Lane)

- President Sakaki reported that the National Guard is preparing to receive COVID-19 patients on campus.
- Student deposits are down by 20%; the budget forecast looks bad.
- The Administration is making decisions month by month regarding the fall semester.
- Emily C. suggested that the Administration consider a more robust Spring admission process and accepting late applications to accommodate students who are changing their plans due to COVID-19.
- Much of the meeting was spent discussing the joint statement from AFS and PDS (see below).

AVP (Roberts)

- Students and faculty are doing a great job transitioning to remote teaching.
- The resolution on RTP accommodations in 20/21 is going to Senate today.
- The Faculty Center is doing a great job. Summer classes will be remote and the FC and IT are working to make sure that faculty have assistance.
- All TT hiring is done- 17 new TT faculty and 1 visiting professor. 4 searches were canceled- we will see what happens next year.
- AVP Roberts is working with chairs to make sure that they are letting lecturers know that enrollment is down and there might be fewer classes to fill next year. Lecturers qualify for unemployment.

AFS (Camillo)

- AFS passed a resolution to revise their charge and wants to revise their process for adding items to the agenda.
- The majority of the meeting was spent discussing the Title IX issue.
- Paula sent Ajay her notes from her meeting with Sarah Clegg and a message about ExCom's rejection of the joint statement.

FSSA (Whitkus)

- FSSA approved a draft of a policy on Centers and Institutes at SSU. Steve Karp is checking on where it should go next.
- FSSA completed a position statement on RSCA. It will come to FSAC next fall.

- FSSA finalized an internal procedure for when a committee member applies for a RSCAP grant.
- Tom Whitley was elected chair, contingent on whether he serves on the committee next year. A tentative meeting schedule was approved.

PDS (Wegmann) No report

URTP (TBD) No report

CFA (Clark)

- CFA hosted a successful Zoom happy hour.
- Contract negotiations are still happening remotely.
- Legislation that the CFA supports might be stalled due to COVID-19.
- Lecturers are concerned about fall enrollment.
- CFA elections are happening in the next few weeks. It would be good to move forward with elections quickly so people know what their schedules will be next year.

Business items:

New Business:

1. FSAC Committee Chair 2020-2021
 - a. The chair is a one-year position.
 - b. FSAC elected Paula Lane and Mary Wegmann as co-chairs of FSAC. Paula and Mary will research how to share compensation.

Old Business:

1. URTP Revisions- Rich
 - a. Considerations for moving forward
 - i. Does FSAC want to move forward with a major reorganization of the policy, or focus on only those points covered in the survey to the faculty?
 - ii. We need to make sure that FSAC's recommendations based on the faculty survey are included.
 - iii. We need to resolve comments on the current draft.
 - b. Discussion
 - i. Paula suggested that the side by side is too confusing and no longer important.
 - ii. It could be confusing to have separate affiliated documents and multiple places to find relevant information. Alternatively, the affiliated documents would make the policy document cleaner and easier to understand.
 - iii. Regarding FERP- concern that if we try and bring a revision focused on FERP faculty to Senate it would invite the opportunity to comment on the entire policy.
 - iv. FSAC moved to approve working on the full revision as opposed to addressing only the issues addressed in the survey.

Paula will look into the possibility of bringing only the FERP line item to Senate.

2. TITLE IX—report of meeting with Sarah Clegg, Title IX Officer
 - a. Paula sent her notes from the meeting to Ajay and Angelo to share with AFS.
3. SETE Research—report of meeting with Heather Brown and Sean Johnson
 - a. Brown and Johnson reported that some faculty receive many SETEs and some faculty do not. They are concerned that incentivizing SETEs will create inequities among students and are going to focus on trying to make it easier to complete SETEs.
 - b. They are going to put a Banner on Canvas and send one email to students that includes SETEs for all of their courses.
4. AFS/PDS Joint Statement shared at ExCom—report of next steps
 - a. ExCom declined to forward the statement to Academic Senate. Laura Watt and Melinda Milligan are writing a message to send to AFS on ExCom's comments and concerns to help them revise the statement.

Upcoming:

1. Mary Gomes to attend FSAC on April 30, 2020, 2:00 time certain

Adjourned: 2:43pm