

Faculty Senate Agenda October 05, 2018

Delta Center, Room 201

Attendees: Manu Bhandari, Donna Caldwell, Jessica Camp, Matthew Care, Ross Carroll, Sharon Davis, Sharon Davis, Mary Donaghy, Joanna Grymes, Hans Hacker, Annette Hux, Irina Khramtsova, Cheryl Knight, Brian Mason, Bill Maynard, Loretta McGregor, Jeff McLaughlin, Suzanne Melescue, Nikesha Nesbitt, Greg Phillips, Robert Robinette, Bill Rowe, Richard Segall, Paul Sikkel, Marcus Tribbett, Stacy Walz, Steve Weimer

Proxy attendees: Hilary Schloemer (for Sharon James), Annette Hux (for Amanda Wheeler), John Mark Horton (for the SGA), Bill Maynard (for Bill Rowe), Pamela Lewis-Kipkulei (for Christine Wright), Claire Abernathy (for Jeff McLaughlin)

Absentees: Kim Davis, Shivan Haran, Marika Kyriakos, Sharon James, Mollie Manning, Mike McDaniel, Pradeep Mistra, Amanda Wheeler, Christine Wright

Approval of the minutes from September 21, 2018

Dr. McGregor called the meeting to order at 1500.

Introduced Rob Gordon, Staff Senate President and John Mark Horton, Student Government Association President.

Name tag ordering form sent around the room.

Copies of the minutes and the Ombudsperson draft.

Move to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion by Dr. Grymes and seconded. Minutes approved with one abstain by Amy Pearce(?).

Updates and Announcements

Robert Robinette: Library Updates: Email announcing new comings from the library: Ithaca (previously sent). This group surveys every 3 years, so the library is partnering for just the faculty trends to be identified. The library is just one module of this survey, but other parts will be covered and may be useful to other initiatives and goals. They are concerned with completion because it takes about 25 minutes, longer if you teach in undergrad and graduate. Incentive gift cards are being utilized to encourage participation. Starts Monday, with reminders every couple of weeks. Please share with departments.

ITS and SPAM issues- Noted the announcement on Wed. 10/3 notifying that there had been a sexual assault. Concerns from faculty regarding the fact that this email had to be sent out twice (not everyone received), but not over the emergency system. Henry Torres unavailable to come, but willing to come when available.

Terry Mohajir unavailable due to trying to get Henry to speak, but then turned out neither could attend.

Provost spoke to this being better addressed by Henry Torres. Send emails to Dr. McGregor or Henry directly.

New insurance providers and rate increases- Dr. McGregor does not have any new information on this matter. Some information from President Welch reiterated (from the last meeting). Annette Hux (herself and also a proxy for Amanda Wheeler also) said more information to be distributed soon (coming weeks). Email questions to Lori Winn or Dr. McGregor noting Lori will be here to speak in the coming meeting.

LMS Update: Blackboard Ultra-Dr. Sivakumaran said that there are faculty and student reps that will be taking different views over the LMS that are being reviewed and that there will be information sharing forums on this as well (Canvas, BB ultra). Sessions have been held. Dr. McGregor said that BB Ultra is very different from Learn; builders did not follow learn on purpose. Demos will be held by staff or reps. It will allow people to test. Features desired will be collected in a survey (not specific to one LMS). For each one, will have a demo and one open forum. Will record so anyone can come or watch.

Dr. McGregor encouraged Senators to go actually attend these events. Dr. Grymes asked about when these would be scheduled and if more notice could be given and Dr. Sivakumaran said they would likely be in November. Mary Donaghy asked for a reminder about why we are changing; Dr. Sivakumaran said BB learn is being phased out. We have to go with learn or look at other providers. There will be explanations of how it will be copied over and where the fine tuning will need to be handled. Robert Robinette, asked about the role of the task force. Task force is making recommendations, co-chaired by Dr. Kris Biondolillo and Dr. Sivakumaran. Dr. Cooksey asked for a show of hands about the use of LMS. It's less than 50% (later noted low 40s). She noted it was surprising that it was this low. Pointed out can augment snow days (each course has a shell for communication) and that we need to talk to our colleagues about use. Noted summer courses had occurred in the summer to support use of the LMS. A proxy senator asked about the difference in cost of these LMSs. Canvas used to be less, but now it's used more, so it may cost more. We have some campuses using it with success. Dr. McGregor noted a few weeks ago in the visit to LR, that our siblings were using canvas, bb, and Moodle. Dr. Cooksey stated we need to look at how we support faculty. John Mark Horton noted how some professors don't use anything electronic, some do. He saw both sides. Students would like to have all grades electronically. Noted problems with ProctorU and how he appreciated that because he didn't like that system.

Name Changes in Banner for faculty and staff Generation of shared governance proposals-Not easy to change a name in banner: Wedding/un-wedding. How do you more easily make these changes? She noted that our systems don't talk to each other. They brainstormed some solutions. Lori Winn is testing one of these and working with Henry Torres. It looks like it may be better. There is a place in banner to change your name and it may give a false sense that it can easily be changed right now. Looks like we will have a contact in HR that will direct you to make these changes. There will be windows (like the beginning of a term for example) where a request can be made, then it has to be done manually, and then it will become active at some point.

New Business:

Shared Governance Proposals: Anyone can make that proposal. Tell faculty and send it through the Shared Governance process. There was an email sent/the link takes you to the page for making a proposal. There is an example there.

Shared Governance Proposal 18SP-01R: Emotional Support/Comfort Animals-Given as a handout today. This is a proposal that came through last year, but tabled by the oversight committee. They are now ready to view based on the committee's decision of which groups need to review and make comments. We need to make these in the next week. Share with colleagues, compile their comments, and then share with Dr. McGregor. Disabilities services will own this. Dr. Phillips asked about this being an up/down vote concerning comments, but Dr. McGregor noted this is starting over so we are in the comments period again. Then, it will return for an up/down vote. Suzanne Melescue noted that was to be reviewed sooner because the comments were needed in a week. Greg Phillips asked about the timing for the vote and Dr. McGregor noted there will still be time to vote, this is just the collection of comments.

Old Business:

Discussion and Vote on Revised Ombudsperson proposal to SGOC -Dr. Maynard noted he liked it as it stands revised. Motion to send Greg Phillip. Lt. Mason seconded it, as did Dr. Maynard. Nays=3. 1 abstained.

Reapportionment and Bylaws Revisited-Dr. McGregor apologized that her information made her misspeak about this may not having occurred, because it has. She received the numbers but they have yet to be included into the formula.

Task Force Updates-Going to use those that volunteered and those that are already on the committees. None will be finished by Dec. More likely spring.

Senate Vacancies: FILLED. All filled.

Committee Reports:

Committee Reports-Only 2 reports shared with Dr. McGregor. She will forward them to the Senate.

Concerns should be shared with Dr. McGregor. We are to read, so we know what is going on.

Open Forum Discussion:

On Deck:

Next Senate meeting: October 19, 2018.

Speaker(s): Mr. Terry Mohajir – Athletic Update. Dr. McGregor just notified at the meeting that he cannot attend on this date. It was noted that when looking at Banner that it's hard to tell when looking at old rosters who the person is that you are asked to make comment on. Dr. McGregor noted that Henry said we cannot change the name retroactively. Students are going to have the name for their degree and you cannot see the name that we had them as. Dr. Cooksey questioned this. Dr. McGregor noted that the alumni have their own list and it may be different. Dr. Cooksey stated she did not think we could help with this. Dr. McGregor stated she would share her handling of this.

Motion by Bill Maynard (his self and a proxy for Rowe to adjourn). Motion was seconded and meeting adjourned at 1554.