

Faculty Senate Agenda
Delta Center, Room 201

November 02, 2018
Faculty Senate Meeting
Jonesboro, Arkansas

Present:	Manu Bhandari	Donna Caldwell*
	Jessica Camp	Matthew Carey
	Ross Carroll	Kim Davis
	Sharon Davis	Mary Donaghy
	Joanna Grymes	Annette Hux
	Sharon James	Irina Khramtsova
	Cheryl Knight	Mollie Manning
	Brian Mason	Bill Maynard
	Loretta McGregor	Jeff McLaughlin*
	Suzanne Melescue	Mishra Pradeep
	Nikeshia Nesbitt	Robert Robinette*
	Bill Rowe	Richard Segall
	Marcus Tribbett*	Stacy Walz*
	Amanda Wheeler	Christine Wright
Absent:	Than Boves	Hans Hacker
	Shivan Haran	Marika Kyriakos
	Mike McDaniel	Greg Phillips
	Paul Sikkel	

Commented [MOU1]: We have his name wrong on the sign in

The meeting was called to order at 301 PM by Loretta McGregor.

The minutes of October 19th, 2018 were reviewed. April Sheppard moved to accept the minutes with noted corrections regarding attendance. Joanna Grymes 2nd. Motion carried.

Updates and Announcements

Dr. Kelly Damphousse discussed the Provost search and Strategic Plan.

An outside consultant will lead strategic planning exercise. Received 2 quotes but they exceeded cost. A request for proposal (RFP) opened 20 days ago. 11/26 will review and decide. This will slightly delay the process.

Provost and Dean of Business searchers are also very expensive. Going to use normal channels for the Provost search, as opposed to a search firm. Provost position will develop search committee. Ad out by months end. Faculty Senators can invite candidates to apply. Position to start June/July. Will use a firm for Dean of Business search.

Dr. McGregor asked about the search committee and the role of business faculty in the search process: Firm will gather a pool of candidates and the committee will help vet from that pool. The committee will help with the creation of the ad.

Two candidates for the Dean role are coming next week. This is the fourth time they

have searched.

Commented [LNM2]: Which Dean's search?

Kelly Huelsmann, Area Coordinator for Upperclassmen Halls and NRHH/RHS Advisor was unable to present in person

- *Dr. McGregor reminded that we have a Thanksgiving Host Program for international students/faculty. You are encouraged to contact them and invite a participant to your home (Dr. M to provide contact info).*

Faculty Senate Website being updated by April Sheppard. The website will contain the minutes and connect faculty with direct links and images to Senators from the respective areas they represent.

Task Force Updates

Currently initiated or will be shortly.

Presentation

Dr. Summer DeProw, Testing Center policy review. Assessment took over testing center as part of a restructure in Academic Affairs There was a data breach regarding exams from the testing center. Can no longer use personal email addresses or family to deliver/pickup exam results/score reports. Dr. DeProw provided a handout on a draft recently approved by Brad Phelps. With breaches we must report in 24 hours to the United States Department of Education. Plan to have training soon and Dr. DeProw offered to attend again. Handout to be placed on the website.

Commented [LNM3]: Handouts about what?

Dr. Jill Simons

Retention initiatives (slides by Jill Simons). Freshman returning rate was 76%. Retention is a Nation crisis. Dr. Damphousse gave them a goal of 85% by 2020. Males is much lower than general population. Purchased a product called Civitas to drill into the opportunities. Looking at the murky middle and opportunities for those underserved. They are looking at and making changes to the financial aid through things like the summer recovery of scholarships. Grants/emergency funds for student needs to help with specific funding issues (Jill will send slides). Case management approach has been great, but it is not sustainable. Experienced a 2% increase in a year.

Dr. Karen Wheeler spoke about her appointed informal lead for the CCC processes group. Were focused on freshmen for phase I. They did process mapping with help from the Delta Center. Developed a score board approach to track issues. New freshmen applicant goal was 1500 and for fall 2018 they hit the goal. UACCB is one of our highest transfer institutions.

Dr. Wheeler also spoke on A-State Transfer Agreements and why it was a priority. Taskforce created. Previous singular webpage without dated info has now been updated with multiple resources and one point of contact.

Dr. McGregor asked about the new Vice Chancellor of Enrollment and Karen and Jill answered that this person will be deeply enrolled.

Dr. Joanna Grymes asked about part time positions that are open now in relationship to local 2-year colleges. Dr. Wheeler answered that we needed to own northeast Arkansas. Talking about having a recruitment person on campus for 2-year colleges

Dr. Simons mentioned that each college will have a single point of contact.

Commented [LNM4]: Does this refer to 2-year colleges or university colleges on campus?

Mr. Kevin Downum, LMS Demo: Canvas & BB Ultra. Dr. McGregor introduced and reminded about the current contract with BB Learn is ending and that is the reason for reviewing these two options. Several semester migration process. Cost of BB Learn

\$214,000 annually with a 3-year contract (includes Collaborate); BB Ultra would cost \$233,500 annually with \$15,000 installation cost. Canvas cost is \$154,000 annually with 5-year contract and no install fee. Faculty are encouraged to test out BB Ultra and Canvas before making a decision; if you taught last fall, you will have courses preloaded into both Ultra and Canvas in order to test both products. Blackboard has wikis and Canvas does not.

Dr. McGregor noted that Ultra and Canvas are more similar to each other than BB Ultra and BB Learn. BB Ultra was created from the ground up and does not have much in common with BB Ultra.

April Sheppard noted that her students reported ease of use on mobile devices for Ultra and preference it over Canvas.

Dr. Wright noted that some compatibilities for testing in the College of Nursing and Health Professions will not work with Canvas. She noted Canvas is not as intuitive and that her previous institution did not pay for all the features.

Dr. McGregor is on the taskforce. She noted there has been a survey to get feedback from faculty about what they need/desire from a Learning Management System. She charged the senate to encourage faculty to complete the survey.

Sarah Davidson asked about how much BB is being used. Dean Murray replied that as high as 70% are on, but there is not a way to tell how much being used.

Dr. McGregor will send out Kevin (<mailto:kdownum@astate.edu>) and Dean Murray's (wmurry@astate.edu) emails.

Kevin noted that LMS review on the "mycampus" folder is from 2015 and that they are updating it. It will include a video of the canvas demo.

New Business:

Speakers for Spring 2019 Faculty Senate Meetings:

Dr. McGregor reminded that we are to return the information that takes place in senate to our colleagues and that she will be placing agenda/minutes on the web going forward. Reminded that we all need to go log on and complete info before the next meeting. We must have all of the supporting documentation for marriage and birth certificates. Open enrollment is annual process. Bring suggestions or comments to next. Sharon James suggested that we have correct information on the website and that we need clarification about co-pays for office visits (looks like we no longer have to have one, but we do). Nov 16th is the last day of the open enrollment. You should have a system email about the open enrollment to look at and talk to colleagues about it.

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

Committee Reports most of them have February or March timeframe. Provost will continue to provide updates.

Open Forum Discussion:

On Deck:

Next Senate meeting: November 16, 2018. Speaker(s): Ms. Lori Winn – Benefits Update

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn made by Marcus Tribbett. Motion carried. Adjourned at approximately 430 PM.