Faculty Senate

Minutes

9/23/2015 3:00pm

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

ROLL CALL

**Present:**

Mary Kay Bauer; Bob Beaudet; David Belcher; Linda Comer; Jeanne R. Dulworth; David Henderson; Cheryl Johnston; Leroy Kauffman; Will Lehman; Kae Livsey; David McCord; Erin McNelis; Brandon Schwab (Proxy for Allison Morrison-Shetlar); Liz Skene; Robert Steffen; Zsolt Szabo; Peter Tay; Jamie Vaske; Tonya M. Westbrook; John Whitmire; Weiguo (Bill) Yang.

**Members with Proxies:**

Patricia Bricker; Robert Crow; AJ Grube; Ian Hewer; Beth Huber; L. Alvin Malesky Jr; Niall Michelsen; Alison Morrison-Shetlar; Malcolm (Mack) Powell; Bill (William) Richmond; Katerina Spasovska;

**Members Absent:**

David Dorondo

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES Approval of the minutes for August 27th and overflow from April 30th, 2015 were postponed until the October meeting.

EXTERNAL REPORTS **Chancellor’s Report/David Belcher:**Chancellor thanked the Senate for the interactions with the Board of Trustees when they were on campus for their September meeting. Future events to continue the collaborative spirit in the future. He also expressed gratitude for the Faculty and Staff senate leadership with the campus conversations built around the four areas of strategic focus announced at opening assembly last month.

Natural Sciences Building has made it to the final bond package proposal for $110M. He stressed the importance as to why this facility is so critical to our university. The Bond package will be put to the voters of North Carolina in a referendum anticipated to take place in March, 2016. As plans unfold, he will be in touch with Faculty to let them know how they can participate in this effort.

Budget and Enrollment – General Assembly has passed and Governor McCrory has signed the state budget. It is the strongest budget for higher education in recent years. Next, the Board of Governors must allocate both funding and cuts to the various institutions in the UNC System. Soon, we will be in a position to finalize our own budget for this year.

However, because we did not hit our growth enrollment targets this year, we will be required to return some of our enrollment growth money to the state next year. In addition because we did not hit our growth targets for this year we will not receive any enrollment growth funding next year. The impact is a two year budget hit because of not making this year’s target in growth, 2015 – 2016.

We celebrate our 80.06% freshman to sophomore retention rate. The goal for 2020 was 80% and we’ve hit this target five years early. Thank you to the faculty and staff for making this possible.

**Provost Report/Brandon Schwab:**

* Alison was asked to talk about priority registration petitions. 4 were submitted and approved: Disability Services, Athletics, Honors College, and Office of Military Education.
* Summer School Enrollment has seen a modest increase in student hours across the board.
* Total 1014 credit hours.
* Increase in hours taken by ASP students.
* Catamount GAP went up 55% more than previous summer.
* Western on Tour just completed- student attendance is up 41% from last year.
* Gender Equity Salary Review- reports are posted on Provost Office SharePoint site.
* Biannual review process is underway now. Currently in HR awaiting final budget information.

Question regarding Summer School being used to measure Academic Progress.
Discussion Followed.

Question- What was the discussion at the Provost Council regarding Priority Registration?
Response- A super user status was requested. The groups themselves created the status and it was approved.

The proposal did not include this as a category. The executive council gave the provost council authority to hear and make decisions on priority.

There is part of the policy that refers to post-implementation. We can revisit, identify loopholes, and make modifications. “Super User” was implemented on the fly.

It changes the idea of priority registry from how long you’ve been here to how long it will take you to complete your degree.

Suggestions made to see something more descriptive. Make an APR. Clarify categories. Guidelines and Criteria. New Process.

The time registration begins for the groups will change. We will move from Midnight to a 9pm start time for each one of the groups. This will put them outside of a class schedule. Adjustment was a direct response to student input.

Further Discussion Followed.

**General Education Update:**

* September 10th was first meeting of Semester. There was not consensus reached on some of the sections of the draft submitted. Predominantly whether or not we recommend not using a uniform, standardized, assessment process system versus recommending to avoid using it.
There is question as to whether or not we have been given a mandate to have a uniform. There are different viewpoints in the council. Another meeting will be scheduled in November.
* Other points were delivered on the Portfolio pilot, as well as the CLA plus pilot. The challenge is going to be reaching consensus.
* We have been charged to try and provide a report on all of the current General Education assessment practices. About half of people have been contacted and a document is being drafted on the outcome.

**SGA Representative/Katlyn Smith:**

* We have completed making corrections to the 2016 budget. The first, funding review for recreation therapy association. 37 students will be attending a conference in October. We awarded them $3,108 for their travels.
* We are creating a General Forum that will be a 20 question survey setup through the Campus.
* October 2nd-4th is Family Weekend. That Friday there will be a talent show.
* ICA has a full bus going to a “Justice or Else” Conference in Raleigh at the end of October.
* We have a senator looking into a complaint received from a student who received a ticket for skateboarding. There is not a policy on skateboarding. They are looking into why that is and what can be done.
* Campus Climate survey will be administered in the fall.

**Faculty Assembly Report/Linda Comer:**

Notes are posted on SharePoint site. Highlights:

* Panel discussion and other conversation regarding shared governance at institutional level and system level.
* Reports received on technology enhanced courses and online courses. Including ways they may be partnering with Quality Matters.
* Discussion was to help campuses be more available and accessible to people in the military. Prior learning credit initiatives. Discussion about presidential search process and concerns about lack of transparency.

**Staff Senate/Pam Degraffenreid:**

* Thank you was given to those who stopped by the Staff Senate Booth at Employee Appreciation Day.
* A Bi-annual staff senate survey will go out on October 5th. A question will be added about the procedure for long term employees.
* It will also ask about enhancing procedures for that Award.
* New scholarship Funding project is underway.
* Catamount shout outs- Staff Senator will take gift cards and deliver those. We will try to partner with Student Government to help.

**SACSCOC Reaffirmation/Arthur Salido:**

Tonya Westbrook new chair of QEP Topic Development Committee.

Over the next weeks/months,

* Committee will form.
* Meetings will take place.
* We will review literature that supports the QEP and best practices.

Compliance- many standards are complete. We are in the stage of dealing with formatting and adding references.

**Provost Fellow/Teri Domagalski:**

New Provost Fellow for Faculty Relations.

Availability, Role, and FAQ handouts received. Meeting request forms are available on the Provost website.

SENATE COUNCIL REPORTS

**Collegiate Review Council** will review the proposal on the rewrite of the Faculty Handbook. It is a very significant change and related directly to Shared Governance.

Discussion followed.

**Academic Policy and Review Council** suggests if you are a student and you are in poor academic standing, that we evaluate on a cumulative level and every semester rather than issuing an immediate suspension. The suggestion is to remove “suspension” language from the catalog. This has been sent to APRC and it was voted on and forwarded to the Senate.

Discussion followed. APRC Report will be on Agenda for October.

**Faculty Affairs Council,** in April Senate passed a resolution to look at fixed term faculty issues. Membership on the task force will be appointed by Senate Leadership and the Provost Office to be sure there is proper representation from each college/level. Respondents to a general faculty invitation, will be considered in the selection.

Resolution shared and discussion followed.

**David McCord,** Faculty has a critical voice and we should be in conversation to keep things on track. Please participate in the conversation; the ideas that come out of these conversations are going to be what forms the initiatives that our resources get invested in.

We may want to do some self-reflecting about the structure of the Senate. Do these still fit our purpose? Something to think about and have a discussion on at a later time.

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