University

SENATE

Minutes – January 20th, 2016
3:30 PM

Meeting convened 3:36 p.m.


Guests present: Alexander, Atkinson, Cratty, Gauvin, Murray J, O’Neill, Schmiedel

I. Minutes

A. December 16, 2015
   a. Approved as written

II. Announcements

B. Senate President’s Report
   a. There are three outstanding business items that we will postpone consideration of until the February meeting to allow departments to review and provide feedback: E-Device Policy, proposed revisions to the DEC forms, and the requirement that academic departments create statements of advising.
   b. The special election for the new Academic Advisement and Registration Committee will be held soon.

C. President Ojakian’s Visit
   a. Strategic planning process meeting 10:00 a.m.-11 a.m. (SC 201)
   b. Open to all faculty and staff 12:45-1:45 p.m. (WS 218)

D. WCSU Representative to the BOR FAC – Dr. Jay Brower

III. Unfinished Business

A. Revisions to the Professional Writing Major – Dr. Patrick Ryan
   a. RESOLVED THAT THE UNIVERSITY SENATE APPROVE THE REVISIONS TO THE PROFESSIONAL WRITING MAJOR PROPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF WRITING, LINGUISTICS, AND CREATIVE PROCESS (Ryan)
      i. Approved

B. Recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Faculty Handbook – Dr. Katie Lever
   a. RESOLVED THAT THE UNIVERSITY SENATE CHARGES THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE FACULTY HANDBOOK TO IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE HANDBOOK (IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PROVOST’S OFFICE AND WITH ADDITIONAL CONSULTATION WITH THE SENATE AS NEEDED):
1. UPDATE ALL CURRENT AND FUTURE STRATEGIC PLANNING STATEMENTS AFTER THAT PROCESS IS COMPLETED (E.G. MISSION, VALUE AND OTHER STATEMENTS).
2. UPDATE AS A (AAUP) FACULTY (TEACHING) HANDBOOK. (PULL OUT POLICIES THAT ARE DIRECTED TOWARD SOUAF, OTHER STAFF AND STUDENTS.)
3. RETAIN POINTS OF PROCEDURE IN DOCUMENT, AS PER CBA.
4. CHANGE POINTS OF INFORMATION TO LINKS ON WCSU WEBSITE, AS PER CBA.
5. THE UNIVERSITY SENATE DETERMINES WHO SHOULD MAINTAIN AND UPDATE ALL LINKS.
6. STANDARDIZE THE LANGUAGE THROUGHOUT DOCUMENT (E.G. WESTERN, RATHER THAN WESTCONN).
7. FORMS SHOULD BE LINKS. UPDATE ALL FORMS.
8. INCLUDE A GLOSSARY OF COMMITTEE ACRONYMS, AND OTHER WESTERN SPECIFIC TERMS.
9. INCLUDE, AS PER SECTION 5.12 OF THE CBA, "EACH UNIVERSITY, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF ITS PRESIDENT, SHALL PREPARE PUBLISH AND DISTRIBUTE TO FULL-TIME FACULTY AND MAKE AVAILABLE TO PART-TIME FACULTY UPON REQUEST, A FACULTY HANDBOOK CONSISTENT WITH PROVISIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT WHICH SHALL CONTAIN AT LEAST:
   a. PROCEDURES DETAILING THE CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION AND DECISION-MAKING AMONG INDIVIDUALS, DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND GOVERNING BODIES
   b. A COMPLETE AND UP-TO-DATE COPY OF THE SENATE BYLAWS AND BYLAWS OF OTHER UNIVERSITY BODIES.
10. REFLECT MOST RECENT UPDATES (AFTER DOCUMENT IS APPROVED, LIST THE DATE IT WAS APPROVED).

UPON COMPLETION OF THE INITIAL UPDATE, THE COMMITTEE WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SENATE REGARDING PROCEDURES FOR KEEPING THE HANDBOOK BOTH ACCURATE AND CURRENT. (Murray)
   i. Approved

IV. New Business

A. TAP Biology Pathway – Dr. Tom Philbrick
   a. RESOLVED THAT THE UNIVERSITY SENATE ENDORSE THE TRANSFER ARTICULATION PATHWAY FOR BIOLOGY STUDIES (Schlicht)
      i. Approved

B. TAP Mathematics Pathway – Dr. Stavros Christafi
   a. RESOLVED THAT THE UNIVERSITY SENATE ENDORSE THE TRANSFER ARTICULATION PATHWAY FOR MATHEMATICS (Buccini)
      i. Approved
C. Proposal to Revise the Faculty Handbook Guidelines on Degrees – Dr. Missy Alexander
   a. RESOLVED THAT THE UNIVERSITY SENATE APPROVE THE PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE FACULTY HANDBOOK ESTABLISHING CREDIT PARAMETERS FOR MAJORS (Schlicht) – Will be discussed in February after departments have had a chance to review.

D. ITI Printer Policy – Dr. Katie Lever
   a. RESOLVED THAT THE UNIVERSITY SENATE OPPOSE ANY POLICY BY ITI OR THE UNIVERSITY AS A WHOLE TO IMPLEMENT A CENTRALIZED, ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT PRINTING SYSTEM. REASONS FOR OPPOSING SUCH A MEASURE INCLUDE EFFECT ON ADVISING, ADJUNCT FACULTY, CLERICAL SUPPORT STAFF, EQUIPMENT, AND STUDENTS. THERE ARE ALSO FEASIBILITY ISSUES (DEPARTMENTAL VARIATIONS IN NEEDS), AS WELL AS PRIVACY AND SECURITY CONCERNS. WE RECOMMEND THAT SUCH POLICIES AND CHANGES IN POLICIES BE SUBMITTED FOR DISCUSSION AND FEEDBACK THROUGH APPROPRIATE GOVERNANCE BODIES PRIOR TO FINAL APPROVAL AND IMPLEMENTATION. (Lever)
      i. Motion to postpone until the February 17 2016 meeting (Schlicht)
         1. Approved

V. Adjournment

Adjourned at 4:14 pm.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS – January 20, 2016

RESOLUTION R-16-01-01:

RESOLVED THAT THE UNIVERSITY SENATE APPROVE THE REVISIONS TO THE PROFESSIONAL WRITING MAJOR PROPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF WRITING, LINGUISTICS, AND CREATIVE PROCESS.
APPROVED

RESOLUTION R-16-01-02:

   a. RESOLVED THAT THE UNIVERSITY SENATE CHARGES THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE FACULTY HANDBOOK TO IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE HANDBOOK (IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PROVOST’S OFFICE AND WITH ADDITIONAL CONSULTATION WITH THE SENATE AS NEEDED):

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RESOLUTION R-16-01-03:

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APPROVED

RESOLUTION R-16-01-04:

RESOLVED THAT THE UNIVERSITY SENATE ENDORSE THE TRANSFER ARTICULATION PATHWAY FOR MATHEMATICS

APPROVED