

Meeting Minutes – Faculty Council

Meeting Information

Date: November 4, 2020 Location: zoom
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Chair: Charlene Gross
Note Taker: Jennifer Curry Morgan Approved by: Gwendolyn Walker

Attendees: Jennifer Curry Morgan, Ted Christopher, Gwendolyn Walker, Marcus Shaffer, Sebastian Trainor, Darrin Thornton, Mallika Bose, Wanda Knight, Sarah Watts, Dean Carpenter, Alec Spangler, Heather McCune Bruhn, Charlene Gross, Bryan Nichols, Bonj Szczygiel & Carlos Rosas

Guests: Jeanmarie Higgins & Ann Clements

Absent: Gaurav Ganguli & Emily Burns

Agenda Items:

November's meeting minutes were approved

Ad hoc committee updates

Constitution Subcommittee meeting 12/4 (members: Alec Spangler, Sarah Watts, Charlene Gross)

Heather: Constitution should have fairness of representation. Should it be # of faculty or unit?

Marcus: Graphic design does not have enough faculty to represent

Ann: Radical change in governess. Previous Constitution that carried over from the Senate Constitution.

It is a Senate group.

Bonj: The numbers in Senate got too big

Charlene: How many voices can we have in a room to have a meaningful conversation?

Mallika: Theatre, SoVA, SoM have a different structure than Stuckeman

Ann: Divided by graduate school

Bonj: And Stuckeman has internal Faculty Council

Carlos: SoVA has programs not depts

Charlene: It's up to us. How do we want to craft it? What constitutes a unit? Is there a list? Program vs unit and define.

Marcus: Graphic Design is growing. Representation once there is enough faculty?

Jeanmarie: We need a rule. Are they too small to have a rep?

Marcus: It's good to have Emily Burns on board for GD representation

Ann: Art History is small.

Heather: Invite but not require a small unit.

Charlene: It's hard for units or schools to get representatives

Bonj: % of unit representation. Larger the unit, more faculty

Carlos: Can we get a list of numbers to visualize it?

Bonj: We are growing in recognition and value. All major units should be able to have list of unit.

Charlene: To make changes, need to send to Senate. Would love to have a rough draft document for February meeting.

Dean Carpenter: This is messy and not a new issue. There are things we need to think about. Existential matter: What is a unit? What is a representative? University waffles as a unit in definition. We need to define what a unit is. Academic degree or program? Should minors have representation? ODL, world campus? What is representation? Think of faculty. Numbers can be greater or smaller depending on semester. How do other colleges model their Faculty Council? Important to sort out and clarify common language.

Charlene: Do we have a flow chart of each unit?

Heather: 1) Broadly define groups to make a decision 2) Finance office for an idea. Who is the decision-making bodies regarding budgets? 3) Look at other colleges. Heather will talk to Geo Sciences to see how they handle things.

Charlene: Task – Return to Jennifer and me: structure as you see it. Talk to directors to get their version. Return to us by Friday morning. Charlene will remind.

Bonj: Think of reporting lines. How does Old Main do it?

TEAA Updates – Ann Clements, Sarah Watts, Charlene Gross

Survey of Teaching Assessment

Charlene: Ann & I met with Dean Carpenter to discuss TEAA and how to move forward.

Ann: Faculty Senate is deeply involved. What does peer observation look like in our fields? TEAA & CPAD take torch forward. What has been working? What works well in lecture class?

Charlene: Do a teaching assessment survey. How is it doing?

Ann: Need to generate questions. Ann will create and forward it. It should come from Faculty Council how it is being done.

Charlene: Task – Go back to units. How would they like it done? Return to me and Jennifer. P&T is not the same across the board.

Committee Updates

Heather: UG Curricular Affairs is discussing improving courses ED&I. In February, they will work with Wanda and Sustainability Council. All love talking about the same thing. Their next meeting is Friday, Dec 4th.

Wanda: ED&I developed an ED&I statement and syllabus statement. CALC will be looking at it at their next meeting on Dec 8th. ED&I meets again on Dec 4th.

Bonj: Senate update – 1) Bundling textbooks for students. Students are being tested in the Commonwealth campuses by Barnes & Noble. 2) Teaching assessment is going on. Impact of COVID on faculty assessment and give a historical perspective. SRTEs are be reconfigured which will come out in the spring.

Other Topics

Charlene: Logo for Faculty Council?

Wanda: ED&I wanted one but was denied. We were told we could have a watermark.

Dean Carpenter: recommended reaching out to Scott Tucker and Amy Milgrub Marshall

Charlene: Idea – Have an orientation for the new folks in Faculty Council. When non-COVID, meet over lunch to understand how Faculty Council works or zoom call to answer questions.

Move to adjourn

Next meeting:

February 3, 2021

8-9 a.m.