



ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

GENERAL SENATE MEETING

SEPTEMBER 11, 2018
PEACHMAN LECTURE HALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Tom Nordenholz at 11:00 am, by welcoming all the academic senate members for the first General Senate Meeting in Fall 2018.

Guests: *Sue Opp (Provost); Graham Benton (Associate Provost); Kevin Mandernack (Dean, School of Letters & Sciences); Francelina Neto (Dean, School of Engineering); Michele Van Hoeck (Library Dean)*

Agenda

Announcements

Election to fill up the vacancy on the Senate Executive Meeting will be closed on Sep 14 2018 at 11:55 pm.

Senate RTP committee election to replace a member whose term has expired will be conducted in upcoming week.

Elections for ET department chair will be conducted next week.

Administrative Review Policy has been approved and signed by the President. Elections will be conducted to choose Administrative Review Committee (ARC). This policy is posted on the Academic Senate webpage.

Final Exam Policy has been approved and is up on the Academic Senate webpage.

For all Senate communications LMS will not be used in future. Senate webpage will be used for policies, minutes etc. and a third party tool (Survey Monkey or Qualtrics) will be used to conduct elections.

The Vice chair will be working on accommodating faculty in all the Academic Senate committees. We need tenured faculty to serve on Academic Integrity Committee. If interested, please contact Scott Saarheim.

Upcoming Events: Alex Parker's research scholar presentation is scheduled on Sep 20, 2018;

Common reading lecture is scheduled on Oct 2, 2018; Julie's presentation is scheduled on Nov 15th 2018;

Upcoming General Senate Meetings: Oct 9 2018; Nov 13 2018; Dec 6 2018 between 11 am - 12:20 pm.

Between 11 - 11:50am, the General Senate meetings will be open for all the faculty and administrative colleagues including Academic Deans, Provost and the campus President.

Between 11:50 am – 12:20 pm, the General Senate meeting will be open to only faculty for open floor discussions without any minutes being recorded.

In Spring 2019, elections will be held to form a new Senate Executive Committee.

Graham Benton announced that WASC report is due in two weeks and he requested all the faculty members to provide a feedback on the report that is posted on the Faculty affairs webpage.

Student Issues Presentation (by Dr. Wallace and Dr. Wilbur)

Dr. Ian Wallace and Dr. Bruce Wilbur presented the results from the recent student survey. The data depicted several alarming self-reported feelings and experiences of our students, such as their feeling of stress and anxiety, and loneliness, their perception of their safety on campus, incidents of violent confrontation, and some thoughts and attempts at suicide. Results for females were significantly more negative than for males. The responses were more negative than the average response for other campuses, and have gotten more negative since the last time they took the survey.

State of Affairs of Senate

Senate chair provided an update on the events that occurred after submitting the letter to the President regarding faculty concerns at the end of the Spring 2018. In May 2018, Senate Chair and Vice-Chair met with the President and Provost to discuss about the letter and future plans. After their discussions both parties acknowledged that shared governance on our campus needs to be improved and determined to bring an external consultant to help evaluate and make recommendations to improve it.

The upcoming tasks for the Senate Executive Committee will be to coordinate the process of bringing in an external consultant, and to work on updating our Bylaws to make the Senate more effective, and to incorporate the changes that recently occurred on our campus including the three-school model.