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Academic Senate Minutes
Wednesday, March 5, 2014
(Approved)

Call to Order

Senate Chairperson Dan Holland called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Senate Secretary Susan Kalter called the roll and declared a quorum.

Approval of Minutes of February 19, 2014

Motion XLV-47: By Senator Hoelscher, seconded by Senator Schumacher, to approve the minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chairperson's Remarks

Senator Holland: I would like to welcome Senator Alt as our new Vice President for Finance and Planning.

Student Body President's Remarks

Senator Alvarado: We are coming up to our election season, so soon we will be having new students join you. We will be sending out a reminder to all students about spring break safety.

Administrators' Remarks

- ***President Tim Flanagan – Absent***

- ***Provost Sheri Everts – Absent***

- ***Vice President of Student Affairs Larry Dietz***

Vice President Dietz: I, too, would like to extend a welcome to Vice President Alt. I would like to echo what Senator Alvarado said about a safe spring break. The Student Health Services gave 2,531 shots so far this academic year. 820 of those were to faculty and staff; 1,711 were students. They have had 52 documented cases of influenza. Last year was a worse year for the flu.

- ***Vice President of Finance and Planning Greg Alt***

Vice President Alt: We are in the appropriation season. Tomorrow is our first meeting with the Senate. Then we will have a pre-hearing with the House March 21 and the governor's address March 28. A lot of the discussion has centered around the expiration of the state income tax. If it is not renewed, it will have a significant impact on higher ed. The potential impact for our appropriation is a 12 to 20% reduction. The Board of Trustees approved the LEAPForward project, as well as other IT improvements and facility improvements. We will continue the next step of that by getting approval from the state. SURS is coming to campus March 12 to hold information stations for all those faculty and staff in tier 1 so that they understand the implications that go into effect June 1 when the law becomes effective. Also approved at the board meeting was the demolition of south campus. They will begin this summer.

IBHE-FAC Report

Senator Gizzi: I attended the February IBHE Faculty Advisory Council meeting at the College of Dupage. The first part of the meeting involved a presentation by the president of the college. He discussed how the community colleges are trying to move toward offering four-year degrees. The College of Dupage has been pushing a 3 + 1 program, where students take three years of course work at the community college and then they take one year at the partner institution and receive a bachelor's degree. The publics and the privates discussed the implications of 3 + 1 programs for four-year institutions and the value of a four-year degree. The PARCC Assessment is the new test that will replace the ISAT. We discussed the impact this might have in the coming years.

Committee Reports:

Academic Affairs Committee

Senator Stewart: We discussed Global Studies and the requirements. We approved the UCC's initiative to begin looking at the Global Studies requirement in order to determine whether any changes are needed. They are going to hold concerned constituency to determine what they believe needs to be changed or whether things need to remain the same. Now it's in the UCC's hands.

Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee

Senator Smudde: We discussed the Academic Income Fund. We will have a finished version for committee approval by the next meeting and then we will send it off to the Executive Committee. We also had updates on the deans' and president's surveys. We have asked for the Athletics Department total budget for committee review, as is called for in the Blue Book on an annual basis.

Faculty Affairs Committee

Senator Horst: We discussed a draft of the faculty suspension and dismissal policy.

Planning and Finance Committee

Senator Rich: We made progress toward our new Institutional Priorities Report and we appear to be on schedule for completion. You will be seeing it soon.

Rules Committee

Senator Bushell: We discussed our proposed policy called the Creation and Revision of Policy. Senators Marx and Fazel are our main authors of this. Essentially, it is a compilation of an existing policy, the Creation of Policy, combined with a tab on the policy web page called updating, which describes the basic concept, definition and policy about policy. The new policy will come before the Senate soon.

Information Item:

02.26.14.01 Library Committee Blue Book Description – Revised (Academic Affairs Committee)

Senator Stewart: The Academic Affairs Committee looked over the Library Committee's revisions. We made a few changes. There are a couple of changes that still need to be made. The membership is now 13. The Associate Dean of Milner Library will serve as the ex-officio, non-voting Executive Secretary and the Dean of Milner Library will serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member. It was originally a five faculty member, five student member committee. We were concerned that there could be cases of a tie and if the dean was not going to be a voting member, then we needed another faculty member on that committee so that there would be an odd number. One line was removed among the functions concerning the Friends of Milner Library. They now work through the Provost's Office in terms of fundraising.

Senator Stewart read the revised functions of the Library Committee.

Senator Horst: The Faculty Affairs Committee has items pertaining to the library on our task list. Perhaps it would be more appropriate for them to be under Academic Affairs since the Library Committee reports to them.

Senator Kalter: Cynthia is telling me that that will go to the next Exec Committee meeting.

There were other minor editorial comments.

Adjournment

Motion XLV-48: By Senator Hoelscher, seconded by Senator Gizzi, to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved.