

Faculty Senate Meeting

Agenda

September 6, 2019
1:00pm–2:30pm

Attendees: Dr. Craig Nakashian, Dr. Jan Murdock, Dr. Ben Neuman, Dr. Abbie Strunc, Dr. Joan Brumm, Dr. WaiYuen Chan, Dr. Angie Sikorski, Dr. Brian Matthews, Dr. Doug Julien, Dr. Mohamed Morsy

- I. Call to order (1:01 pm)
- II. Approval of Minutes (May 16, 2019).....Dr. David Allard
 - Motion to approve minutes – Dr. Doug Julien
 - Second – Dr. Brian Matthews
 - Minutes approved on a unanimous vote.
- III. Committee Reports and Business Items – Dr. Nakashian requests committee member lists sent along electronically prior to next senate meeting.
 - a) Curriculum Committee - Dr. Doug Julien will send out an email of his members.
 1. Dr. Neuman – new degrees coming down the pipeline. Integrated studies are being brought forward by President Cutrer and Dr. Doughty for RELLIS. Dr. Julien was aware and it would allow a humanitarian degree to be offered at RELLIS. Dr. Sikorski asked if a faculty member is championing it, Dr. Neuman said Sebastian Schmidl is a part of it.
 - b) Education Technology – Chair Dr. David Allard. Members: Dr. Joy Goldstein, Dr. Jan Murdock, Dr. Kevin Williams, Dr. Selena Jeffries, Dr. Fawad Rauf, and Linda Scott (non-voting member).
 - c) Academic Standards – Dr. Drew Morton was formerly the chair. Will make sure the previous members will still serve and send it around.
 - d) Academic Rules and Procedures – Chair is Dr. Nakashian. Members: Dr. Fawad Rauf, Dr. Humphrey, Dr. Lawrence, and Dr. Okereke.
 1. Dr. Julien – Brought forth a concern about the rules for the President moving a non-tenured faculty member into a tenure route without approval from

faculty. E.g. Lisa Myers, BAAS (Dr. Julien made it known that he has no problem with this individual, that she is highly qualified but is addressing the bigger issue at hand).

- i. Dr. Nakashian – the Academic Rules and Procedures committee will look into it. First, they will get clarity from the OGC if the President can appoint faculty however she sees fit and if so, then they will absolve the committee and inform the faculty of how the process will be done moving forward.
 - 2. Dr. Morton addresses a rule concern about a change in March of 2018 to the 4th year review process “the provost shall review the policy.” Dr. Nakashian said the idea behind it is that since the Provost will insert themselves into tenure promotions and if they are going to do that, then they should let the provost be involved earlier rather than later. Dr. Nakashian said they would take another look at it and he will have reports next time.
- e) FRED – Chair is Dr. Ben Neuman. Members: Dr. Tom Jordan, Dr. Sebastian Schmidl, Dr. HyeJung Kang, Dr. Joan Brumm, Dr. Jing Chen, Dr. WaiYuen Chan.
- 1. Three proposals: 1) Dr. Kevin Ells - \$3,000 research project in New Orleans; 2) Dr. Abbie Strunc - \$900 software; 3) Dr. Jamie Cantrell - \$1,100 pre-conference, where College funds would normally be expected to cover conference travel and registration. Motion to approve – Dr. Nakashian; second – Dr. Morton; Dr. Strunc abstained; everyone else approves.
 - 2. Dr. Julien asks for better communication about FRED.
- f) Faculty Status – Chair is unknown.
- g) Budget Committee –Co-chairs are Dr. Brumm and Dr. WaiYuen Chan. Dr. Brumm asked if they needed anyone else, Dr. Nakashian said they need 25% from each college; they need to a member from CASE. Dr. Brumm agreed and will recruit someone.
- 1. Dr. Brumm is requesting the current and previous 5-year budgets, she will ask for it on behalf of the budget committee.

IV. New Business

- a) Honorary Degree Guidelines.....Dr. David Allard

- 1. Not discussed.

b) Sandy Labby's termination.....Dr. Jan Murdock

1. Dr. Murdock said it was given to her to put on the agenda but did not think it was something to be discussed. Dr. Nakashian asked if anyone wanted to talk about it and Dr. Julien did. Dr. Murdock said the only concern the person brought up was the timing of it, being so close to the fall semester that it created hardships in covering classes. Dr. Julien asked to go off the record, recording was stopped.

c) Freshmen Convocation.....Dr. Craig Nakashian

1. Dr. Nakashian and Liz Patterson have led it since 2011 and are looking to pass the mantel. Determined to make it an Ad Hoc committee under faculty senate, Dr. Brian Matthews agreed to be chair for the next year.

- i. Motion to approve – Dr. Strunc; Second – Dr. Murdock; Vote all in favor.

d) University Rule Revision – Merit Salary Increases.....Dr. David Allard

1. Not discussed.

e) Minnie Stevens Piper Nomination.....Dr. David Allard

1. Dr. Murdock – Mini Piper Award, prestigious award, 5 scholars recognized a year. \$5,000 honorarium and a pin are awarded, due Nov. 15. If you are interested in nominating someone, do it. Dr. Murdock will ask Dr. Allard about sending the application out to the faculty senate.

f) Other items:

1. Dr. Julien has received several complaints about the IRB process. Dr. Sikorski and Dr. Strunc echoed this. Dr. Nakashian asks for it in writing and given to him and Dr. Allard to take to Dr. Yells.

2. Dr. Neuman, because of RELLIS, we will now get an Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC). Dr. Neuman has done the paper work and it will be housed under the Provost.
3. Dr. Nakashian – reminder to send out committee member list, especially if they are meeting prior to the next Faculty Senate meeting.

Motion to adjourn – Dr. Strunc. Second – Dr. Neuman.

Next Meeting: October 4, 2019