

Faculty Senate Meeting Summary Notes
11am, Manderino Room 408
12/6/18

Present: Justin Baronner, Jana Bonfini, Peter Comas, Mario Majcen, Robert Mehalik, Louise Nicholson, Loring Prest, Jennifer Ramsey, Kristen Schaffner, Ryan Sittler, Randy Tillmutter, Carolyn Wass, Robin Weaver, Ellen West

Call to Order

1. Review/Approval of 11-8-18 Summary Notes

Old Business (if time permits)

2. **Faculty Website**
3. **Orientation for New Faculty**
4. **Faculty Senate By-Laws**
5. **Faculty Senate Executive Committee Report**
6. **Faculty Senate Mission Statement Proposal & Subcommittee*** - meeting soon
7. **Faculty Senate Proposed Schedule Change Subcommittee*** - 1st meeting set for 12/7/18.
8. **Shared Governance Evaluation (Middle States, Standard VII)** – B. Mehalik met with Bruce Barnhart regarding standard VII. Bruce is aware that the Senate is interested in being involved in addressing this topic. Aware that administrators would appreciate the Senate's involvement in evaluating shared governance. Relative to administrative evaluation process:

Council of Trustees need to be assessed just as administrators are assessed.

Need to close the loop on the current assessment process for administrators (where does the information go)

Len Collelli thought that the senate's assessment of administration is a good starting point

When revising assessments, may want to find out what feedback from faculty would be beneficial.

New Business

8. **Guest speaker – Dr. William Biddington (Acting Dean for the School of Graduate Studies and Research)** *Note*: Dr. Biddington will be addressing his role as the NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative)

Dr. Biddington provided a power point presentation to supplement his presentation to the senate. The focus on the presentation is on FAR (Faculty Athletics Representative). Dr. Biddington had assumed this role for several years but will be stepping down to retire. Bob Mehalik has agreed to take on the responsibilities of this role beginning 1/2/19.

Every FAR is different per university needs. Recommendation from NCAA that each school sets their own description and list of responsibilities to meet their needs for this role.

Guiding principles, FAR role:

Ensuring Student Athlete Experience & Well-being is the priority

Ensuring Academic integrity maintained

President maintains institutional control

Division 2	Division 1
FAR issues are not as complicated, not as many issues of concern	FAR role and issue are more complicated and involved
No scholarship model	Full scholarship model

NCAA doesn't run intercollegiate athletics, rather, the University President and FAR are responsible for their school.

There is a leadership conference every October that the FAR should attend

Retention rate is better with student athletes (Retention/Graduation/GPA higher for student athletes). Federal and National stats on these rates are maintained and tracked. CalU is above average in all categories. Credit to be given to coaches, students, and faculty working with these students. Teamwork and organizational skills are key to the success in the FAR role.

CalU has beat out IUP and Shippensburg and some private schools regarding conference rates.

There is an effort to create a strategic plan for student athletes.

Examples of issues addressed:

- Grade appeal overturned in favor of the athlete
- Appeal hearings may be held regarding transfer out of CalU

- Appeals committees decision is final, can't be overturned by the President of the university
- Financial aid issues, coach took away scholarship- appealed
- Drug committee addresses any positive drug tests
- Desire to dispel the idea that Athletes are privileged. This is not true, there is no free ride.
- Can't use state funding for athletic scholarships, athletes must apply for PELL, etc.

Discussed at Senate meeting:

- Private schools are starting to win a little more than PASSHE school athletics departments
- There should be a standardized process announcing student absences (Carolyn Tarr should be sending out letters to faculty regarding student absences)
- Unwritten rule that coaches should not contact faculty for any reason, this lessen risk of conflict of interest
- Encourage athletes to share schedules at the beginning of class but this doesn't always happen, also there can still be changes to the schedule based on re-scheduling of events for various reasons.
- Extracurricular activities- NCAA only allows 20 hours/week
- Bad news: The softball field was condemned, all home games had to be scheduled away. Renovation is underway but won't be done in time. After sod is laid will need to wait for 2 months before the field is ready for play.
- Good news: Women's softball has highest GPA of all recruits

Academic integrity policy is addressed starting on slide #9 of the power point. FAR meets with the committee on a regular basis.

FAR is responsible for disseminating information, campus support, work with coaches, information about scholarships, engagement within the campus community. Also, helps students with transition to "real life" upon graduation.

There is a formal connection between the FAR and the library (librarian)

NCAA meets in January to set forth any changes.

9. Next meetings (Spring 2019): Confirmed for February 7th, March 7th, April 4th, & May 2nd

Announcements

Adjournment 12:00 pm

Recorder: Robin Weaver