

Academic Assembly
March 13, 2017
2:05 – 3:35pm, STCN 130

MINUTES

Present: Sarah Bee, Rick Block, Pat Buchsel, Terri Clark, Carlos de Mello e Souza, Mike Huggins, Kate Koppelman, Chuck Lawrence, Viviane Lopuch, Agnieszka Miguel, David Neel, Michael Ng, Tracey Pepper, Trung Pham SJ, Frank Shih, Charles Tung, Dan Washburn, Braden Wild

Minutes taken by Rosa Hughes

- I. Review 2-27-17 Minutes
 - A. Item VI.B.1. – remove “may be okay with that” and add “colleges need a good handbook and we need to clarify what we mean by that”
 - B. Approved with edit, no oppositions and one abstention
- II. Financial Transparency Draft
 - A. Background
 - 1. Two years ago, AcA asked for some financial data, took a lot of work to produce it but was valuable
 - 2. Now looking to have a similar data set delivered to AcA annually – this draft is the initial proposal
 - B. Discussion
 - 1. Need to determine the audience of this report (faculty, staff, students?), may affect credentials protection on document
 - 2. There is a subcommittee looking at this draft, who have suggested minor edits (median instead of mean, summarized data split out by college/school, suggest qualitative feedback, infrastructure plan, ask for top three concerns)
 - 3. Requesting information on consultants paid over \$50k, or perhaps lower that amount given budget circumstances
 - 4. Staffing and compensation issues
 - a. Certain positions that are administrative were counting themselves as faculty, need clarity around those administrators who hold tenure track lines
 - b. Dean, Associate Dean, Program Director, Department Chair, Track Leads – need to decide what we are asking for and why
 - c. Budget of university is a nine month budget, doesn’t include summer – need to be paid out of another pool and relationship between faculty and university during summer while not under contract is unclear
 - 5. Want to separate out to first year freshmen and transfer students instead of “traditional undergraduate”
 - 6. Asking for a five year budget is a push, may not be available
 - 7. Ask for history of cuts over the last several years, as well as new initiatives (passed even with lack of full funding)
- III. RevSU Q&A (*Travis Nation*)
 - A. Scheduling
 - 1. Students will be able to change their multi-year schedule to see how it will affect their plans and degree

- 2. Will note which courses are only offered in which quarters, specific sections will not be available until registrar releases
- 3. Clarity around transfer credits
- B. No new admission system – looking at this long term
- C. The new database (InformSU) will work much more quickly and better than SUDDS, and provide better comprehensive financial data
- D. One time implementation cost is \$9 million, ongoing license and maintenance fees annually
- IV. SRI Committee Votes**
 - A. Socially Responsible Investment Committee has called on the administration to divest from fossil fuels, as supported by student government and AcA
 - B. Concern that all nominees are from one school (Albers)
 - C. We need a diversity of perspectives balanced with financial expertise to ensure good investments
 - D. AcA will seek other candidates from constituents for the next two weeks
- V. Budget Advisory Committee**
 - A. Motion to ask CFO to expand AcA representation on BAC to four people
 - 1. Approved with no oppositions or abstentions
- VI. Naming Replacement List for Provost Search Committee**
 - A. Two of four AcA representatives rotated off
 - B. Dan Washburn willing to serve again, but will not be on AcA next year so that is perhaps a third spot
 - C. Last year's nominations included Michael Ng, McLean Slougher, Hannah Tracey, Jennifer Marrone, Patrick Murphy, Maggie Chon
 - D. Nominations close Wednesday, David Neel will compile CVs and facilitate vote online by Friday
 - E. Motion to suspend the rules to facilitate the nomination and voting process
 - 1. Approved with no oppositions or abstentions
- VII. Bylaws Discussion – Canvas voting**
 - A. Motion to treat the straw poll done online as the official vote and approve the online policy
 - 1. Approved with no oppositions or abstentions
 - B. Next time will get bylaws edited to accommodate policy votes