

Faculty Senate Rules Committee 11/15/13

Attendees: MJ Peterson (Chair), R Bogartz, N Cohen, S Brewer, M Billings, E May

1. Minutes 11/01/13 - hold for next time

2. Faculty Senate Agenda items 12/12/13

A. By-laws. There will be change to Outreach Council name and add some members discussion of leadership in this area

B. Approval of new courses by Graduate Council

C. Environmental Design to Sustainable Community Development

The interim report from the Ad Hoc Committee on FBS football will be added and more stuff will come in.

3. Discussion Items

A1. Online certificate in General Business Studies - AMC, PBC, APC

2. OIM major - AMC, PBC

3. Revisions to undergrad BS degree in Building and Construction - AMC, PBC

B. Status of 394/494 IEs

process for approving new IEs – consideration of whether they get approved as new courses? Course gets approved in that process within AMC; Gen Ed designation gets done in Gen Ed Council. Need to have the IE approval match the rest of the processes for Gen Ed Discussion of AMC's and Gen Ed Council's workload.

There will be a review of forms and procedures going forward as we implement new online process. Quality control of ongoing courses is with the academic department.

Gen Ed is centrally mandated.

Action item: We need additional conversation about this and IEs

IE replaced some of the previous Gen Ed requirements.

Focus on graduation rates and retention

Proposal is for 394 IE courses to be treated like other Gen Ed and having new course go through AMC, then to Gen Ed Council for Gen Ed designation.

Vote taken: 5 ayes, 1 opposed.

C. Goals and objectives for course proposals

This topic came out of Gen Ed. Refer to AMC

D. Vision Project - Within Our Sights, Oct 13

UMA is behind in this area, hardly mentioned in the report which is really about the state colleges and community colleges

Ernie discussed the history from 1994/5. MA is #1 state in country based on this national legislation - core curriculum standards - imposed performance standards for K-12 schools, was beginning of MCAS, allowed for state take-over of underperforming schools.

When Paul Reveille was a member of the BoT, the question came forward about higher

education segment. This led to creation of the Vision Project under direction of Richard Freeland, Commissioner of HE. State Colleges and Com Colleges report directly to him. Freeland is the head of the national group and Governor is connected through Arnie Duncan, Secretary of Education.

Read the Vision Project statement - some measurements can be done.

Action item – we need to receive the print copies of the “Within Our Sights” document.

AAC&U - liberal arts group. our Gen Ed curriculum matches to their measurements and can be measured across institutions

VSLA - Voluntary system of Learning Assessment - from Holub

one of the focus areas is MA is the first state to include Civic Engagement within higher education - what are our outcomes and assessment measures.

Discussion ensued.

One of the measurements is graduation rates and the interest in raising this to 80% - much of this is included in the Strategic Plan.

E. Recruiting Alumni on Athletic Council

This topic has been triggered by a member of the AC recruiting a member of the alumni to serve on that Council. There needs to be a process for these 3 alumni slots. We need to bring in Athletic Director and co-chairs of AC to create the process. Use this as an opportunity for broader discussion.

F. Chronicle article 11/05/13

national performance based funding

G. Bogartz commentary

On race, a call for leadership, innovation at university.

Discussion ensued. We have an opportunity for leadership in this area.

H. Rules / Admin topics 11/25/13

Vision project; Freeland and/or Caret visit?

Academic communities - Bartlett Hall discussion - broader discussion about fostering space for academic learning communities within departments vs interdisciplinary commons; Students in an academic community want their own commons space. Want student and faculty together.

HR consultants Buck 12/09 9:45-10:30; after 1 hr Admin meeting

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Billings