

Arts & Sciences Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, Sept 18, 2017, 3:30 p.m.
Drake Room, Olmsted

Members Present: Courard-Hauri, Graham, Brown, Christensen, Garriott, Freeman-Miller, Honts, Bachmann, Tran
Recorder: Kayla Jenkins

1. Call to order and approval of minutes
 - a. Minutes approved unanimously
 - b. Current members absent: Mallea, Zwier
2. Report from the Dean
 - a. Discrimination incidents
 - i. Lots of action taken for the incidents, attempting to find the perpetrators.
 - ii. Have to carry on as normal
 - b. Continuous Improvement Plan-updates
 - i. Accomplishment rate-examples of student pathways and stories.
 1. Would like more information from department and faculty about what kinds of things students are doing so we can give prospective students tangible information
 - ii. Increase enrollment
 1. Transfer students-creating a better pipeline with DMACC and other community colleges.
 - iii. Alumni Engagement
 1. Would like to do a better job with tracking how faculty are interacting with alumni-how we use them.
 2. Would like to know what is happening so we can engage them more deliberately
 - iv. Increase Evening/Online/Hybrid course
 1. Identify courses that could be converted
 2. Missing part-time students, could also be used by study abroad students or distance learning students
 3. Could also help with classroom availability
 - v. Orientation Program for new instructors and adjuncts
3. Committee Reports
 - a. Diversity Committee
 - i. Programs from last year:
 1. Focus on responding to climate assessment report
 2. Pilot mentoring program created-currently underway. Some second year faculty have asked to be a part of the program

- ii. Goals for this year:
 - 1. Mental Health conversations-faculty resources for proactive advising and how to handle accommodation requests.
 - 2. Creating an institutional memory for Diversity Committee
- b. Tech Committee-hasn't met yet-going to discuss what broader concerns the college has
- 4. Faculty Senate-hasn't met yet
 - a. Looking at the charter-reducing the number of at-large senators
 - i. Concerns about A&S making up too much of the current Senate.
 - ii. Looking at 2 per school-4 for A&S, 7 at-large
- 5. New Business: Curriculum Proposals:
 - a. HIST 079 AND CHEM 170 approved unanimously.
- 6. New Business: Strategic Priorities for Council.
 - a. How to disseminate information about DACA students
 - b. More diversity issues-how to get projects in alignment with the university's goals
 - c. Determining what is actionable for council
 - d. How to help with enrollment
 - e. Revise the PAR/PAE/PAHE forms-to collect better information about what people are doing
- 7. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Monday, October 23rd at 3:30 p.m. President Martin will be meeting with Council and Cabinet at this time.