

Arts & Sciences Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 24, 2016, 3:30 p.m.
Drake Room, Olmsted

Present:

Faculty: Christensen, Courard-Hauri, Harvey, Kalmanson, Kliethermes, Lenz, McAlister, Tran, Valdovinos, Urness

Student Senators: Jacqueline Heymann, Nina Miller-Strong

Recorder: Megan Brown

1. Call to order and approval of minutes

- a. Minutes approved unanimously

2. Report from the Dean

- a. Reminder: Faculty Development Grants due Nov. 1.
- b. Ad-Hoc Committee on Revising P&T Procedures has submitted its report; department chairs will discuss the committee's recommendations this week. The report will come to Council for discussion at the November meeting.
- c. Academic Affairs Committee discussed the Board of Trustees' role in the P&T process. Provost Mattison explained that procedural role to the Board.

3. Report from Student Senators

- a. Student Senate discussing and gathering signatures on referendum to adjust class schedule to account for caucuses and election events.
- b. Meeting with Unity Roundtable regarding position description for Associate Provost for Equity and Inclusion.
- c. Senate will be approving new academic organizations throughout the years.

4. Report from Faculty Senate

- a. Senate is putting together a committee to look at compensation and equity issues. Contact your Senator with concerns or questions.
- b. Discussion of the Associate Provost position: why an internal hire? Would it be possible to have a team of an internal and an external hire working together?
- c. There will be vote on curricular outcomes at the next meeting; outcomes will drive conversation of curriculum reform.

5. Report from Technology Committee

- a. Discussed burned-out projector bulbs problem at start of semester (not enough bulbs to meet need).
- b. Discussed possibilities for "emergency response system" to announce internet outages.
- c. Chris Gill wants to create more University-wide working groups on classroom technology and labs.

6. Report from Diversity Committee

- a. Working on revising the mentoring program document: would the program be for all faculty (including visiting faculty) and staff? What would staff's needs be (as opposed to faculty's needs)? Asking staff for input. Would the program be geared toward professional development skills, or more about building a sense of inclusivity and belonging?

7. Report from Curriculum Committee

- a. Discussing protocols for preapproved, existing travel seminars with Drake International.

8. Old Business

- a. Council schedule proposal for Faculty Handbook: approved, will go to faculty for vote.
- b. Changes to Teacher of the Year Selection process for Faculty Handbook: approved, does not have to go to faculty for vote.

9. New Business

- a. WLC Concentration to Minor proposal: approved.
- b. Art History Minor change: approved.

10. Adjournment

Next Meeting: November 21