

Academic Staff Committee

February 20, 2014, 1:30 pm (CL 705)

Present: Kristy Aoki, Anne Buttke, Jen Jones, Mary Simonsen, Katrina Hrivnak

Absent: Emily Rogers

Invited Guest: Jolanda Sallmann

Approved Minutes

- Approved 2/6/14 meeting minutes

Library & Technology Committee- Reorganization resolution was approved by ASC.

CWC salary Range Data- next steps include having committee liaison Emily Rogers share the information with CWC at their next meeting.

Shared Governance Conference – Jolanda Sallmann came in discuss and idea she had to hold a shared governance conference on campus. The hope is to engage a campus wide discussion with faculty, staff, and students about shared governance and its importance. Also to create a vision of shared governance on campus so when a new leader steps in they have a clearer picture on where the campus stands in regards to shared governance. The ambitious crew has hopes of a potential April 2014 conference date. Potential topic ideas for such a conference included: shared governance 101 (why it is important to be involved), what are effective governance methods, and to explore different governance structures from other campuses.

Faculty Senate Report-

- They are working on language to implement a policy on Posthumous Degrees and in Memoriam Degrees.
- There continued to be mixed discussions in regards to defining a policy for self-authored texts.
- The Academic Actions Committee has hopes to modify the structure of that committee in hopes to improve member attendance and continuity of membership.
- The Provost announced planning for some focus groups this spring to help set priorities of four issues:
 - whether the campus should identify signature programs for special marketing
 - whether repackaging of existing courses into new interdisciplinary programs could work
 - whether the development of stackable certificates, perhaps in 15 credit (or fewer) modules could lead to a better balance of collaborative and home-grown graduate programs
 - why are we doing on-line instruction (for revenue, for access, or for giving students exposure to keys for life-long

Allocations Committee – is all out of money.

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Personnel Committee – is working on a draft of changes for the evaluation instrument. It was suggested users must be notified of the change first before it would be able to be implemented. The target rollout date for usage of the revised tool is for the end of 2014-2015.

Spring Assembly – potentially proposed a May 19th morning date. Also decided a mid-semester newsletter with latest governance happenings may be helpful.

Adjourned- 2:37 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Simonsen