**Faculty Senate Minutes**

March 29, 2016

LC 243, 3:00-5:00 pm

***Present***: Kim Abunuwara, Anne Arendt, Brian Barthel, Nicholas Ball, Howard Bezzant, Debanjan Bhattacharjee, Dean Bohl, Mark Borchelt, Mark Bracken, Clayton Brown, Kat Brown, Josh Cieslewicz, Alan Clarke, David Connelly, Rob Cousins, Ken Crook, Karen Cushing, Courtney Davis, Debora Escalante, Doug Gardner, Lindsey Gerber, Laurie Harrop-Purser, Sherry Harward (PACE), John Hunt, Ellis Jensen, Robert Jorgensen, Lydia Kerr, Ryan Leick, Dianne McAdams-Jones, Gary Mercado, Duane Miller, CheolHwan Oh, Jeff Olson, Jeff Peterson, Jim Pettersson, Matt Robins (UVUSA), Anthony Romrell, Sheri Rysdam, Makenzie Selland, Cyrill Slezak, Allison Swenson, Craig Thulin, Sean Tolman, Violeta Vasilevska, Alex Yuan

***Excused or Absent***: Christa Albrecht-Crane, Steve Allred, Joel Bradford, Bret Breton, Dustin Fife (Library), Barry Hallsted, Ron Hammond, Matthew Holland, David Morin, Tyler Nelson, Karen Preston, Robert Robbins, Stuart Stein

***Guests:*** Tim Stanley, Laura Busby, Nathan Gerber

Call to order – 3:07 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from March 8, 2016. Minutes approved.

**SRI** (Tim Stanley/Laura Busby)

Thulin provided an overview of the SRI pilot program that has been ongoing. The campus-wide pilot has been conducted for multiple semesters. Data from the pilot was presented. Faculty Senate needs to determine the next course of action. Purpose of today is to determine if there is any new information or are we getting the information we need to make an informed decision. When deliberating, keep in mind that every question asked in the survey adds time for survey completion.

Overall distribution between the original items vs new items are very similar. Presented a linear scatter plot. Reviewed correlations between items. The new SRI is structured into three areas: Overall Instructor Evaluation, Student Experience, and Teaching Approach.

Online courses does not mean you cannot connect with the community and participate in field experiences.

Mercado recommended conducting a different model to see if the results are the same. Stanley felt that was a great idea.

Busby noted that there is a downward trend in survey response rates since 2012. She does not feel the length of the survey has an impact. Several faculty feel that the survey is not a true reflection of the faculty member or the course. Connelly reminded Senate that the SRIs are only one measure for overall assessment.

**MyUVU** (Nathan Gerber)

MyUVU has replaced UVLink. You can still access UVLink until September 2016. Have received a few complaints about Canvas, but feel most issues have been resolved. Gerber demonstrated the new portal. A few new tabs will be coming forth such as Academic Management for Deans, Department Chairs, Administrative Assistants that need access.

Determine a “count down of calendar” items that Faculty would like put on the Faculty Portal page. Would like more input about “Research” and “Service” and what should be contained.

Bracken will send Gerber the link for GPA information under the advisor tab that can be brought over and exposed for us. Gerber noted that other resources can be added as Web Development is made aware.

The entire MyUVU system does have a search feature. He encouraged everyone to utilize the bookmark feature so they do not have to hunt for items. Busby noted that items currently accessed in Banner will change due to new authentication procedures. Issues are being addressed with Digital Measures and SRIs in the new system.

Web Development would like feedback to be provided through the link in MyUVU.

**SVPAA** (Jeff Olson)

Olson expressed thanks for Faculty Senate’s input and that they have been heard as four of the larger classrooms in the new classroom building into 12 smaller classrooms. Plan is to take courses from SA and GT and move them into CB to make more room.

**UVUSA** (Deba Masterson)

Mental health Awareness Week – Kick-off event tonight featuring Madilyn Paige in the Ballroom at 7pm.

**POLICY**

Policy 403 - *Restrictions on the Use of Skateboards, Roller Blades, Roller Skates, Bicycles, Motorcyles, and Hoverboards* – **MOTION** – Clayton Brown motioned to approve with no comments. Anne Arendt seconded. All in favor? Motion passed.

Policy 115 - *Minors on Campus and at University-sponsored Events* – This policy only addresses minors on campus not in the classroom. Concerns over wording in sections 5.10.1 and 5.10.2. According to 5.10.1 it reads that minors are not permitted. Senate would like the wording changed to provide discretion by the faculty member to allow a minor in the classroom except courses that are prohibited by governing regulations. Faculty also raised concerns about open labs and who has authority to ask that a disruptive minor be removed. Section 5.9.1 deals with not allowing minors in university spaces. Discussion about giving an instructor discretion for allowing minors in classroom. **MOTION** – Craig Thulin motioned to extend conversation by five minutes. Howard Bezzant seconded. All in favor? Motion passed. Recommendation was made for the faculty member to either allow or disallow given the circumstances. **MOTION** – Kim Abunuwara motioned to accept the comments with some reworking by Mark Bracken and Doug Gardner and send out to Senate prior to final submission. Marty Clayton seconded. Sheri Rysdam asked that a scan be done to be sure there are no additional contradicting statements. All in favor? Motion passed.

Policy 503 – *Add/Drop/Withdrawals* – Michelle Taylor noted that Section 3.15.3 definition of “Unofficial withdrawal” has been clarified which does not change the content as per Faculty Senate previous meetings. Taylor distributed a handout showing the revision. **MOTION** – Howard Bezzant motioned to accept the revisions as proposed adding the word “faculty member”. Dean Bohl seconded. **MOTION** - Josh Cieslewicz motioned to accept the revised wording. Rob Cousins seconded the changes. All in favor? 3 Abstained. Motion passed.

Policy 605 – *Curriculum Approval Process* – Doug Gardner noted the policy does not clarify the proper roles for Associate Deans and their voting rights on the UCC. Recommended language about how the UCC is composed. Leick noted that if the college has an Associate Dean to be their rep it is because the faculty voted them in. Curriculum Committee has addressed this in the voting rights and they are not to be appointed by a Dean. Clayton Brown inquired if the charters specify that the College Curriculum Chair is to be a rep on UCC. Faculty Senate Bylaws note how the UCC is composed. Olson noted that presently Associate Deans are considered staff. He also reported that Academic Affairs is working on a policy to reclassify them as faculty. He feels the faculty vote is the most important factor. Clayton Brown expressed concern about making sure a vote is actually occurring. **MOTION** – Doug Gardner motioned to table the discussion and have senators discuss this policy more with departments on who the college curriculum chair is and how they were elected. Clayton Brown seconded. All in favor? 3 Opposed; 2 Abstained; Motion passed.

**Miscellaneous**

Send out announcements for next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

