

Faculty Senate Governance Committee

September 27, 2012

Members present: Itza Zavala-Garrett, Jackie Darling, Donna Everett, ~~Brian Mason~~, Robert Royar (chair), ~~April Miller~~, Robert Boram, Julia Hypes

Move to approve the minutes of the 8/23/2012 (approved seeing no objections)

Committee agreed to recommend Dr. Sherry Stultz for the open education slot on the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

The governance committee began its review of standing committees.

- The Wellness committee doesn't seem to have met in two years.
- Campus Environment Team/Affirmative Action Committee seems to be duplicating another committee and does not meet.
- Since most committees are to send a copy of their minutes to the library. Need to find out where they are to be sent in the library.
- Need to develop a procedure for determining how to deal with non-functioning committees.
- Determine whether specific committees are required to meet outside requirements.
- The Planning Committee is finally meeting again after not functioning for several years, but the task assigned to the committee doesn't match the charge. We need to look at the committee description and determine its alignment with current duties.
- Registrar Advisory Committee is meeting and responsive to faculty.
- Need to address the rotation on the Intercollegiate Athletic Committee.
- Are the duties broad enough for the Library Committee? How is the library department allotments determined?
- Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Graduate Curriculum Committee, and Research and Creative Productions Committee are meeting.
- Academic Programs has not met in years, but the Provost does not want to dissolve it. The CPE wants the committee to exist. Clarenda will reconstitute the committee.
- Academic Appeals, Student Life, and Student Media Board are meeting and functioning.
- Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee is meeting and reviewing its charge. If any case makes it to an administrative hearing, legal counsel is to be provided to all three parties at the hearing. At this time there is no provision to handle the expense of the legal representation.
- Scholarship Appeals, Service, and Student Disciplinary Committees are meeting.
- Tenure Committee is very active.

We have looked at the standing committees and found some that are not functioning. We should not continue to appoint faculty to committees that do not meet (it keeps them serving on meaningful

committees.) Some new, ad hoc committees are functioning in place of standing committees. Is there really a need for ad hoc committees that duplicate the duties of standing committees?

Motion to adjourn (passed)