



FACULTY SENATE

Student Affairs Committee

Minutes

September 5, 2019

8:30-10:00

Waterman 427a

- Present** Kenneth Allen (CNHS), Nick Bouffard (SGA), Sin Yee Chan (CAS), Thomas Chittenden (Faculty Senate President), Terry Delaney (CALs), Jonathan Flyer (LCoM), Steve Gove (GSB), Patricia Mardeusz (LIB), William Louisos (CEMS), Sam Pasualoni (SGA), Jennifer Prue (CESS)
- Absent** Mia Hockett (LCoM), Trish O’Kane (RSENR), Nancy Welch (CAS)
- Guests** Jennifer Dickinson

Co-Chair Jennifer Prue called the meeting to order at 8:30 am Waterman 427a.

1. Minutes. The minutes of May 9th 2019 were approved with no changes.
2. Review of the purview, purpose of SAC.

CHARGE OF THE SAC

This committee shall have responsibility for matters relating to student affairs, their effect on the educational process, and the academic climate of the University, including items referred to in Sections 1.1d, 1.2e, 1.2f, 1.4, and 1.5. It shall recommend policy with respect to honors programs, remedial programs, athletics, discipline, health service, placement, housing, student activities, etc. It shall include among its duties in-depth and ongoing review of University admissions and financial aid policies, including their relation to projected enrollments. This committee shall establish policy in matters related to general admissions standards and prerequisites, as referred to in Section 1.1d, and shall review, recommend and participate in formulation of admissions procedures. The committee shall establish a continuing liaison with student government groups and with all appropriate administrative and academic office

3. Brief overview of the outstanding issues and work items for the 2019 / 2020 SAC.
 - A. GGP and establishment of an advisory group.
 - i. Invite Susanmarie Harrington to the October SAC meeting.

- ii. There is a GGP faculty member on the committee but no student representation at this time. The SAC passed a resolution advising who would sit on this committee. The resolution included an international student representative.
- B. Textbook costs.
- i. Jackie Weinstock and Nicole Conroy would like to discuss both cost and student resources around textbooks and online content.
 - ii. Textbook information provided earlier so students can purchase books earlier when the pricing is better.
 - iii. A lending library for high use courses / books. Used books don't include online access codes, this is a concern.
 - iv. Invite Richard Cate and Stacey Kostell to discuss financial aid funding.
- C. Student athletes and missed class policy.
- i. When student athletes miss classes for games and other athletic competitions (not practices) are penalized.
 - ii. This could extend to other university sanctioned events and competitions.
- D. Health Services
- i. Invite Harry Chen to give the SAC an overview on health on campus.
 - ii. Safe ride program, SGA
 - iii. Food insecurity
 - iv. Cannabis use highest in nation
 - v. New tobacco laws
 - vi. Helmet use on campus
- E. Outside of class student expectations.
- i. Review the data that was collected from last year. Jennifer will contact Omar to get the data.
- F. Electronic course waitlist.
- i. Have Veronika Carter come to a spring meeting to discuss the possibility of finding a way to track the undocumented demand of courses?
- G. Course evaluations.
- i. SGA wants student access to appropriate data from course evaluations. Rate My Professor is a flawed system and students want a fairer assessment.
 - ii. How course evaluations impact RPT and the impact of releasing that information to students.
 - iii. University wide online course evaluations software. This software should be up and running by the end of the semester.
 - iv. SGA will provide the SAC a list what information they want from course evaluations.
- H. New syllabus template.

- i. Course specific versus university wide syllabus. The use of a link to the information versus all the info included in the class syllabus. J. Dickinson will be working with CTL and CAC to look at some of these concerns.
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- 1. SGA
 - i. Update in the October

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.