

University Assembly

April 21, 2021

TEAMS Meeting

Members Present: Adams, Allcott, Airhart, Allen, Bates, Blair, Brachey, Z. Brown, Bryant, Buntin, Craven, Drexler, Duncan, Fornehed, Fowler, Frye, Gotcher, Hajdik, Hanna, Harris, Harvey, Honeycutt, Howard, Jones, Killman, Kolodziej, Langford, Larimore, Lay, Luke, Luna, Manginelli, Maxwell, Meadows, Melichar, Mills, Nelson, L. Norris, Null, O'Connor, Ojo, Pardue, Payne, Rand, C. Roberts, J. Roberts, Roth, Russell, Shank, Shipley, Slater, D. Smith, T. Smith, Smith-Andrews, Stein, Stinson, Stretz, Swartling, Swartzentrover, Taylor, Weathers, Wells, Wilbanks, Winkle, Wilson, Witcher, Zagumny.

Members Absent: Bohannon, C. Brown, Chang, Ding, Edmonds, Isbell, Laningham, Lee, S. Norris, Paradis, Rogers, Semmes, Wilcox, Womack.

Non-Voting Members Present: Braswell, Bruce, Clark, Holt, Johnson, Oldham, Owens, D. Smith, Schrock, Stephens,

Summary of Proceedings:

Approved agenda

Approved minutes from November 18, 2020

Approved revised International Undergraduate Admissions Policy 242

Approved revised Transfer Credit for International Undergraduate Students Policy 243

Approved revised International Undergraduate Students Readmissions Policy 244

Received annual report from Information Technology Committee

Received annual report from International Affairs Committee

Received annual report from University Planning Committee

Received report of the Academic Council for Spring 2021

Received report of the Administrative Council for Spring 2021

Received remarks from President Oldham

Other such matters

Proceedings:

President Oldham called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. President Oldham stated that as a reminder and for those new to the Councils that the University Assembly was a joint meeting of both the Academic Council and the Administrative Council that met once each semester. President Oldham indicated that according to Policy 102 University Committees: The University Assembly receives, reviews, and approves reports from the Academic Council, Administrative Council, and the standing committees that directly report to the University Assembly. The University Assembly also considers matters designated by the President for review.

Lisa Zagumny motioned to approve the agenda and Dennis Duncan seconded. Jeannette Luna motioned to amend the agenda with the addition of approval of revised Policy 223. Sandi Smith-Andrews seconded. Lori Bruce questioned why this policy was being brought to the University Assembly and the other policies that had been approved by Academic Council were not. Diane Smith clarified that the policies that are on today's agenda report directly to University Assembly and do not go through either Council adding that Policy 223 reports to Academic Council. Luna withdrew her motion to amend.

Smith-Andrews asked to modify the agenda to include a procedural question prior to agenda item 8. Smith-Andrews asked if the Academic Council report was accepted did that automatically constitute approval of all the policies therein. President Oldham confirmed that acceptance of the report would move it to ratification. President Oldham suggested that if the issue was with one of the reports, that we address it within that part of the agenda. Motion APPROVED with one nay and three abstains.

A motion to approve the minutes of November 19, 2020, was made by Duncan and seconded by Zagumny. Motion APPROVED with two abstains.

Charlie Wilkerson presented revised International Undergraduate Admissions Policy 242 which had formality changes. International Education previously reported to Academic Affairs and currently reported to Enrollment Management. Zagumny motioned to approve. Seconded by Smith-Andrews. Motion unanimously APPROVED.

Wilkerson presented revised Transfer Credit for International Undergraduate Students Policy 243 and explained the revisions to the reporting structure for International Education and to Section C regarding the different credits that could be awarded from different countries. Zagumny motioned to approve. Seconded by Duncan. Motioned APPROVED with three abstains.

Wilkerson presented revised International Undergraduate Students Readmissions Policy 244 explaining the policy dictated that Policy 1202 be followed and it also updated the reporting line to the Vice President of Enrollment Management. Zagumny motioned to approve. Seconded by Duncan. Motion APPROVED with two abstains.

Yvette Clark presented the annual report for Information Technology Committee which met four times during the semester. Clark said the Committee discussed the Help Desk ensuring there were enough service people to answer calls. Clark indicated that two additional ad hoc committees were added; one to review software and digital services request forms and another to look at the technology purchase process.

Brian O'Connor motioned to accept the report. Zagumny seconded. Holly Stretz requested information on future software. Clark indicated that Bedelia Russell, Jason Beach and she would create a list with a time frame and road map. O'Connor asked if the University was migrating to TEAMS and away from ZOOM. Clark responded that the long-term plans for virtual meetings needed to be determined indicating that full site licenses could not be maintained for both. Motioned APPROVED, one abstained.

Wilkerson presented the annual report for International Affairs Committee. The main focus was on four policy revisions and the committee also discussed the new ESL program that would be started in summer or fall. Zagumny motioned to accept the report. Seconded by Mills. Motion unanimously APPROVED.

Dewayne Wright presented the University Planning Committee Annual Report. Wright stated that progress had been made on the Strategic Plan with a full time Chief Diversity Officer named, Presidential Task Force appointment and t

Smith-Andrews added that the Procedures for University Assembly stated that there are no procedures on the very first line.

President Oldham indicated that now was the time, during this discussion, if there were concerns about anything within the report, to bring it up now in the form of a motion.

Smith-Andrews motioned on the behalf of the Administrative Council, I move to withdraw revised Policy 223 as elements within the policy extend beyond the Academic Council and into and under the scope of the Administrative Council who has not had an opportunity to review it. Allcott seconded.

President Oldham indicated he felt there were discussions needed on this subject and opened the floor for questions. Smith-Andrews stated those on Administrative Council had not had an opportunity to review Policy 223 until it was presented at Faculty Senate. Smith-Andrews indicated that meant that only half of the shared governance system was in place despite the fact that many of the elements in the policy fall under the auspices of Administrative Council, such as, the Library, Bookstore, Information Technology Services, etc. Basically, Administrative Council wanted an opportunity to be a part of the process. The previous policy was fine because it did not tread in those areas but the new policy clearly had areas that fall under Administrative Council.

Bedelia Russell commented that she was responsible for the review of the policy. Russell became aware that there were questions on the previous day and it was her impressionre8(y)20(ha)4(d a)-5(re)-2

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Finance and Stretz, Faculty Senate President. Dean's Council also included the Library,

Russell indicated that she did not disagree with what anyone was saying and that was why she was present, to hear input and get specific examples of where the issues were. Russell added that she had been continuing discussion with EMCP regarding the ERP within the policy. Russell said that there had to be a starting point and policies were meant to be revised but the current published policies had all of these elements in there that did not go through Administrative Council the first cycle through.

Russell noted that now we had a larger scope, and she had asked on two or three occasions if this needed to go through Administrative Council and, in essence, was told to follow the approval process. Russell added that she would love edits and specific things, and clarified that the task force previously also did not include her either. Russell also clarified that there were chairpersons who were included in this review and she was sorry he was not one of them.

Rand added that there were issues with this policy, and he should have been included as a chair with a number of faculty. Rand added that he thinks that faculty are not going to respond well to the CITL being in the role of the arbitrator of the quality of their classes when that quality benchmark has not been defined. Rand also stated that it screamed to him to accomplish this, for the CITL to do an annual quality check on every single distance class, which was included in the policy, would require a tremendous increase of personnel and budget, and asked where that was going to come from? Rand stated that this presumed that the chairs were not doing this.

Russell explained her perspective coming from Nursing was that was what happened within the department for curricula review still and that stays in place, this had to do with quality assurance. Russell stated she hoped that everyone wanted students to have high quality online courses that had gone through some evaluation. Russell added that this was a service that was currently within the scope of CITL and a fee was being assessed. Russell asked Rand if he was asking that the scope and mission of the CITL be changed? Rand said he was suggesting that this changed the scope of the CITL. Rand added that he thought that currently the CITL did not take the position that they do this every year and that they would submit these recommendations.

President Oldham indicated he felt like everything was on the table that needed to be.

Provost Bruce added that she was concerned about what was voiced, that this policy should have gone through Administrative Council. Bruce stated that she had spent time previously looking at the Council and Assembly charges, to have a better understanding of why policies were approved in various ways. Bruce took issue with the fact because it had something about AOR,

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President Oldham thanked everyone for all their hard work stating that the University had dealt with a lot of highly unusual circumstances with the pandemic. President Oldham gave credit to everyone on campus, students included. President Oldham told the group that two new buildings were celebrated last week and were great additions to the campus adding that more buildings were to come with more outdoor space in development. President Oldham mentioned the addition of firepits and waterfalls and other great spaces to congregate outside.

Oldham stated that Dr. Rob Owens had been appointed as the University's full time Chief Diversity Officer. He thanked and congratulated the Strategic Implementation Team for continuing to do a great job. President Oldham noted that the University was fortunate to be in a state that is fiscally sound adding that the support for higher education and the proposed budget looked very good for 57.18-1 00000912 0 612 792 reW*ñBT/F2 12 Tf1 0 0 1 362.83 538.15 T6.2s 0 0.79