

Faculty Senate President's Meeting

April 6, 2020

Members Present:

Douglas Airhart, Jeremy Blair, Troy Brachey, Chris Brown, Debra Bryant, Andrew Callen, Mei-Tsun Chang, Kr()Tj EMC /P 616a

In light of all that is going on and recognizing there are many issues, the President sought insight and questions from senators.

Q: Regarding pass/fail options – when can students apply, and what will we have to know to advise them?

A: There is a Frequently Asked Questions page for reference. Students can request pass/fail beginning

Senators comments: This will help calm down faculty who are anxious about the effect of the pandemic and will help them feel cared for by the University.

Q: How do we account for possible negative impacts on IDEA evaluations for faculty who were doing well in-person before moving to online teaching?

A: Some questions could change during transition time, but faculty and departments should want all the feedback they can get. While results should be taken with a great deal of consideration for the circumstances and should be analyzed with caution, it is still important to learn what went wrong for feedback that is given. Departments can decide how to weight the IDEA evaluations in light of the circumstances.

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Chairs should be encouraged to come to Chair meetings to discuss how to treat IDEA evaluations.

Appreciate was expressed for the delay in the full launch of the centralized advising center for freshmen.

Senator Gaetjens shared that Dean Bates had conducted an informal survey of students in the library since the closure, and only around 10% of the students were there for internet access.

Senator Airhart shared that he will be at the Shipley Farm greenhouse selling flowers later in the week. He would also like to remind senators to come up with nominations for secretary of Faculty Senate for next year.

Senator Wolak encourage senators to think about a new chair for the Administrative Council ahead of the upcoming meeting.

Senator Stretz would like ideas for how to communicate about Faculty Senate meetings with her entire college.

Closing Remarks

President Oldham thanked the senators and their colleagues for the phenomenal work they are doing.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

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