

Faculty Senate Business Meeting

January 25, 2021

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Members Present:

Stephanie Adams, Douglas Airhart, Dan Allcott, Michael Allen, Jeremy Blair, Troy Brachey, Chris Brown, Debra Bryant, Wei Tsun Chang, Kris Craven, Dennis Duncan, Mary Lou Fornehed, David

There was discussion about the way textbook adoptions are handled. Some departments want faculty to use the same book, chosen by a department committee, for multiple sections of the same class and some do not require this. Some departments have the department administrative assistant do the adoptions and some require faculty to do it themselves. This is considered acceptable.

other programs are getting some pressure to go back to the usual in-person delivery. There is probably going to be a task force to look at this from the university perspective, please volunteer if you are interested in this topic.

Quarantine Guidelines: The CDC is changing the guidelines for the required length of the quarantine period for various situations. It is no longer a simple decision. The average will be a 10-day quarantine period. For students, the Health Services will take the appropriate information

There have been prior attempts at this in the past. There were a number of complaints, specifically with how the data was interpreted and applied. There have been issues with gender bias. With a new tool, there is no national norm data and creating the right one is time consuming and the result would likely have its own flaws. Maybe the issue is that it is the only thing being used.

Another problem is that we don't do any bias training. The inherent biases need to be accounted for when evaluating the results. Is there an actual perfect metric? But is it the bias of the person filling out the survey or of the person interpreting the results? Can we keep the IDEA by adding our own additional questions? If we come up with the right questions, will we be able to mitigate the biases that exist?

Broad Band Access: The project discussed at the last meeting is needing 200 students who are interested in getting a hot spot.

8. Review of After-Action Reports

In the interest of time, Senate President Stretz will send the After-Action Reports to the Senators for their review and we will revisit this at the next meeting.

6. Invited talk on Diversity Champions (Owens)

This item will also be revisited when Dr. Owens is present at a future meeting.

10. Old Business

None

11. Such Other Matters

None

Adjournment

Senator Rand moved to adjourn the meeting. Senator Airhart seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

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