

SGOC
September 23, 2013
MINUTES
Delta Center
Kathy Brittain White, 203

- Members present: D'Andre Anderson, Lynita Cooksey, Kathy Hicks, Julie Isaacson, Andy Mooneyhan, Talvickeo Banks, David Cox, Susan Hanrahan, Debbie Ingram, Lonnie Williams for Craig Johnson, Mike McDaniel, Jeff Pittman
- Members absent: Phillip Ladd, Dalia Tejada, Craig Johnson, Angela Daniels
- Executive Council guests present: Tim Hudson, Len Frey, Jason Penry
- 3:31 – meeting called to order by Andy Mooneyhan
- Chair's announcements – Andy Mooneyhan summarized his visit to the Chancellor's home. He reported optimism for collaboration between the Chancellor and SGOC, and described the Board of Trustees' high regard for SGOC.
- Vice Chair's announcements – academic Governance committee appointments have been forwarded to the Chancellor's Office.
- Old Business
 - SP13-001 A-State Class Attendance Policy
 - Status as of 09/23/13 = out for final up/down vote
 - Votes that have come in: Deans Council = NO; Chairs Council = NO
 - SP13-002 A-State Teaching Overload Policy
 - Status as of 09/23/13 = final draft being prepared by responsible committee (Faculty Handbook Committee)
 - Mike McDaniel and John Pratte collaborated on minor edits. The final draft will be sent out for final up/down vote soon.
 - SP13-006 Institutional Training Supervision and Performance
 - Status as of 09/23/13 = returned to Faculty Senate for proper proposal format
 - It will come out as a brand new proposal with a FA13 code.
 - FA13-001 Academic Advising Statement for Faculty Handbook
 - Status as of 09/23/13 = out for constituency group review
 - First vote due to responsible committee (Faculty Handbook Committee) by 09/24/13
 - Annual Review of Shared Governance and Campus Survey – update provided by Julie Isaacson
 - Julie is working with Henry Torres to cull duplicates, etc.
 - HLC will be here on October 28. Encourage everyone to complete the surveys.
- New Business
 - FA13-002 University Diversity and Affirmative Action Committee Representation
 - Purpose: add two external representatives to the University Diversity and Affirmative Action Committee, appointed by the Chief Diversity Officer. Submitted by Faye Cocchiara, Interim Chief Diversity Officer
 - Shared Governance Issue? YES
 - Responsible Committee? University Diversity and Affirmative Action Committee
 - Review Type? Full, non-expedited
 - Handbook issue? YES
 - Constituency group review? Faculty Senate = declined; Staff Senate = declined; Deans Council = declined; Chairs Council = declined; SGA = declined.

- All constituency groups declined review so the responsible committee (University Diversity and Affirmative Action Committee) will review, vote, and forward to Mike McDaniel, Chair of the Faculty Handbook Committee.
 - FA13-003 Diversity Excellence Awards
 - Purpose: (a) change position title from “Assistant to the Chancellor for Diversity” to “Chief Diversity Officer;” (b) shift the responsibility for selecting the Diversity Excellence Awards from the Chief Diversity Officer to the Faculty Achievement Awards Committee
 - Shared Governance Issue? NO
 - Discussion/Comments: The Diversity Excellence Award can go to anyone on campus, not just faculty. SGOC will suggest to Faye Cocchiara that she determines a well-rounded committee for selecting the Diversity Excellence Awards instead of using the Faculty Achievement Awards Committee.
 - Other: Andy Mooneyhan has drafted a proposal supporting the renaming of Stadium Blvd. to Red Wolf Blvd. SGA has drafted a resolution that they support the change as well.
 - Shared Governance Issue? NO
- Discussion points with Executive Council guests:
 - Some topics that should have or could have been entered into shared governance have not been. (Example: new branding) How should this be decided in the future?
 - How does SGOC become a committee that helps decide what things fall in the purview of shared governance?
 - Chair of SGOC now attends meetings of the Executive Council.
 - Board of Trustees has shown tremendous support of SGOC.
 - How do Executive Committee members [EC] describe what issues should be shared governance issues? How do SGOC members [SGOC] describe what issues should be shared governance issues?
 - Err on the side of inclusion. [EC]
 - Curriculum is purview of the faculty; not a shared governance issue. [EC]
 - Online MSE degrees -- an example of something that was very controversial that did not go through shared governance. Apologies were made after the fact. [SGOC]
 - We want to know about big things being discussed before we read them in the newspaper. [SGOC]
 - Valuing input from a broader constituency because the end product will be better. [SGOC]
 - If something has potential to change the face of the institution, that’s a shared governance issue. [SGOC]
 - Guns issue – shared governance made it possible for A-State to handle this better than any institution in the state. [EC]
 - SGOC has steered clear of topics that are mainly fiduciary. [SGOC]
- Next meeting: Monday, October 14, 2013 – two weeks before HLC
 - The results of the shared governance survey will be helpful.
 - There may be some committees that we just don’t need anymore.
 - There may be some committees whose charge needs to be updated (example: Education and Technology Committee to cover online delivery).
- Meeting adjourned at 4:28 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Debra Ingram.