



Thursday, April 5, 2018
2 pm, MA 211K

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA SETTING MEETING

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Present: Nicole Beatty, Doris Geide-Stevenson, Marek Matyjasik, Casey Neville, Pamela Payne, Rob Reynolds, Julia Panko for Sarah Steimel, Hugo Valle, Catherine Zublin, Scott Sprenger, Madonne Miner, Patti Glover

Excused: Chuck Wight,

1. Approval of the [March 1, 2018 meeting minutes](#) as circulated.
2. [High Impact Educational Experiences](#) (HIEE) – Brenda Kowalewski & Jessica Oyler [USHE Background](#)
Weber has created language to clarify what HIEE means, and currently is working to get people interested in participating. HIEE promote student learning through curricular and co-curricular activities that are intentionally designed to foster active and integrative student engagement by utilizing multiple **impact strategies**. Will look at a rollout plan in fall.
3. Early Tenure and Promotion– Valerie Herzog, APAFT Chair [PPM 8-11 to 8-27 relevant sections only](#)
No substantive feedback was received from the Faculty Senate meeting in March. Made a few minor changes to the document. Will take the revised PPM for approval at Faculty Senate.
4. [College Advising Plans](#) – Mark Denniston, ASSA Chair
ASSA recommends each college create an academic advisement plan within the next academic year. This plan, will articulate how the college will advance institutional and college retention/graduation initiatives. A plan will be considered adopted when approved by the respective dean, a majority of the college faculty, and submitted to the ASSA Committee, University Academic Advising Council, and Office of the Provost.
5. Student Code Update - Mark Denniston, ASSA Chair [PPM 6-22 Summary](#), [Student Code revision](#), [FS Minutes 14APR16](#) Hopefully the student code, approved by Student Senate in 2015-2016, will be approved by President's Council and Trustees and ready to go by fall. The Military absence policy has been changed since these pending changes were made two years ago. We need to make sure that the military absence policy stays when these pending changes go into effect.
6. Adjunct Senate Representation – Mary Beth Willard, CRAO Chair
CRAO put out a poll to all adjunct faculty (500+), approximately 20% responded. In general it appears that adjuncts are very interested in having representation in Faculty Senate by an adjunct. The data needs to be reviewed further next year to glean additional insights.
7. [TLA/FAST annual report](#) – Marek Matyjasik, Faculty Senate Vice-Chair, Colleen Packer, TLA Chair
Faculty Advocates for Student-Centered Teaching (FAST) is a Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Committee formed to help foster a more supportive environment for faculty members who wish to substantially increase their use of evidence-based instructional practices. FAST works closely with TLA. Cultivating a Learning Mindset was chosen as the TLA theme this year to coordinate with the Student Success Initiative. The result of a survey of department chairs and deans regarding the use of student evaluations as an identifier of teaching effectiveness, found 4 major problems 1) unequal weighting of student evaluations

across colleges (It is the recommendation of TLA that this be addressed at Dean's Council) 2) validity of question (Recommend that faculty start working on new questions for evaluations), 3) low response rate (some colleges have already come up with incentives to get students to respond,) 4) limited reporting (would like to explore visual representation of data in the new Chi Tester). TLA recommends common course evaluation dates across campus. It is believed this would help with marketing and students will know when all evaluations are to happen thereby increasing the response rate.

8. University Curriculum Committee – Nicole Beatty, UCC Liaison
[EC April 5, 2018](#) (remember to log in once you get to Curriculog)

General Education Renewal

Gen Ed Renewal ENGL - 2220 - Introduction to Fiction Hal Crimmel
 Gen Ed Renewal ENGL - 2290 - Introduction to Drama Hal Crimmel
 Gen Ed Renewal ENGL - 2510 - Masterpieces of Literature Hal Crimmel
 Gen Ed Renewal ENGL - 2710 - Perspectives on Women's Literature Hal Crimmel
 Gen Ed Renewal ENGL - 3520 - Literature of the Natural World Hal Crimmel
 Courses left on probation. Plan for gathering additional data approved.

Gen Ed Renewal HNRS - 1500 - Perspectives in the Physical Sciences Dan Bedford
 Removed from probation.

Gen Ed Renewal CS - 1010 - Introduction to Interactive Entertainment Spencer Hilton
 Removed from probation.

Social & Behavioral Science

Program Change Neuroscience Minor Lauren Fowler

Engaged Learning, Honors, Interdisciplinary Programs

Course Revision HNRS - 2020 - Exploring Key Concepts in the Disciplines: Creative Arts Dan Bedford

General Education

~~New Program – Certificate of Completion in General Education – Molly Sween – passed UCC but they desire to wait until September to have FS vote.~~

Science

New Course GEO - 3214 - Soils Rick Ford
 New Course MATH - 4160 - Introduction to Mathematical Cryptography Kent Kidman
 Program Change Mathematics Teaching Minor Matt Ondrus

EAST

Program Change Web Technology Minor Richard Fry

Arts & Humanities

~~Course Revision LING - 4990 - Centering Experience Mark LeTourneau~~
~~Program Change Linguistics Minor Mark LeTourneau~~
 Courses returned for revisions

Education

Program Change Associate of Science in Education Sheryl Rushton
 >>End of Proposals<<

9. USHE Faculty Governance Meeting – May 18 2-5 PM University of Utah Doris unable to attend, Marek will go and will get additional representation from new Executive Committee.

10. Ready for Faculty Senate:

- Study Abroad
- RSPG update
- ARCC update
- Standing Committee Approval

- FBR nominations
- Presentation of Faculty Governance Award
- Certificates for outgoing Faculty

Adjourned at 4:11 pm

Next Faculty Senate Meeting: Thursday, April 12, 2018, 3pm, Smith Lecture Hall, WB206-207

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Fall 2018