

Student Academic and Financial Affairs Committee
Minutes
October 1, 2014

Attending: Craig Tovey, Reta Pikowsky, Anne Pollock, Jen Abrams, Trevor Lindsay, Charles Mulford, Carrie Shepler

Guests: None

9 Voting members/5 required for a quorum.

1. Committee members discussed the email process for distributing and approving Minutes. A vote was taken and approved to issue and vote on Minutes via email after each meeting.
2. The meeting time and location was discussed. Dr. Mulford offered to find a room in the Scheller COB building. The meeting time was also discussed and determined to be 4:30 going forward since the new meeting location makes this possible. At least for November and December this is the plan. Teaching schedules in the Spring may require a change in this plan.
3. Dr. Tovey cannot attend the Oct. 21 Academic Faculty Senate meeting to present the annual report, action items, and minutes. Dr. Pollock will attend the meeting in another capacity and will present the Committee's annual report, action items, if any, and minutes for approval. Reta will prepare PP slides to facilitate the presentation.
4. At the last meeting, the Committee started developing a list of issues or topics that it would like to discuss or examine. An update on admissions and recruitment efforts for next year for both undergraduate and graduate areas were on the list. The Chair will investigate the possibility of inviting the Vice Provosts (Drs. Kohn and Cozzens) to attend the same meeting so that the admissions areas can be covered in the same conversation. The next priority will be to invite Marie Mons, Director of Scholarships, to a meeting to update members on the current status and challenges and any changes that may be coming.
 - a. Meeting with Dr. Paul Kohn to discuss the profile of the 2014-2015 incoming class.
 - b. Meeting with Marie Mons, Director of Scholarships and Financial Aid, to learn about current status of aid on campus, challenges, upcoming changes, if any, etc.
 - c. Meeting with Dr. Susan Cozzens, or someone from Graduate Affairs, to discuss the make-up of the incoming class of graduate students, goals for next year, etc.
 - d. Role of the Committee in overseeing awards on campus. Committee members felt this could be handled by the Schools having the authority with any issues or questions brought to SAFAC as needed.
 - e. Title IX concerns might be discussed to determine if there are any implications related to the scope of this Committee.

5. Dr. Shepler offered to follow up with the Executive Board on the functions of this Committee. There is an effort now to look at the charge of all the Standing Committees and determine if some updating is needed. The oversight of awards by this committee, for example, is confusing and perhaps needs to be re-examined.
6. There were no other items of business offered.
7. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:00 PM.

Dr. Craig Tovey, ISyE
Chair