Faculty Senate/All University Committee Report (2012-2013)

Committee: Academic Affairs Committee  
Prepared By: Adrianne Lane  
Date: 4/15/13 No March mtg.

Faculty Members at the Meeting: B. Reigle, L. Graeter, A. Lane, (Chair)

1. Review of Agenda by Adrianne.
2. Charge of Committee statement reviewed.
3. Undergraduate Grade Grievance Policy Review Subcommittee Update---B. Reigle reported that the UGG Policy was reviewed as well as similar policies at other institutions such as Case Western Reserve University. She further reported that the flowchart was very helpful and stressed the need for continued implementation of the policy as outlined in the policy and the flowchart, particularly in the areas of mediation and communication of resolution to both parties. A. Lane will share these comments with the Ombuds Office.
4. Student Code of Conduct, Faculty Concerns—Adrianne reviewed the results of the Faculty Senate survey specific to use of Student Code of Conduct policy and use of Forms A and B which was conducted in March 2013. The findings are as follows: 24 senators responded representing Nursing, Medicine, A&S, Clermont, Blue Ash, Professional Practice, Allied Health, Law, and Business. 19 senators stated an awareness of the UC Student Code of Conduct; 5 reported using Forms A&B when addressing student plagiarism, 5 did not, and 13 reported n/a; in terms of how often forms A & B were used 2 faculty reported always, 1-most of the time, 1- sometimes, 2-not very often, 7-never, and 10-n/a; 8 faculty reported having a college/unit/dept policy that specifically outlined steps faculty must follow in cases of suspected student plagiarism, 8 faculty reported no such policy, and 8—n/a; 2 faculty reported that the unit/dept/college policy required the use of Forms A & B, 4 faculty stated the forms were not required and 16—n/a. Numerous comments were written ranging from usefulness of Forms A&B to total lack of awareness of Forms A & B to lack of awareness of policy to full confidence in addressing issues of plagiarism to no personal encounters with student plagiarism. The FSAAC supports the policy as written, which does not include reference to Forms A and B. The FSAAC supports Forms A and B as useful tools that are available to faculty. Adrianne will follow up with Daniel Cummins in the Office of Judicial Affairs and share the following: “The FSAAC commends the office on a policy well written. The policy as written allows for faculty discretion in the addressing suspected violations. The FSAAC recognizes that ‘one size does not fit all’ in addressing such matters. Therefore, FSAAC appreciates the breadth of the Office of Judicial Affairs website. Forms A and B located on the website can serve as helpful tools for faculty. FSAAC encourages increased faculty awareness of both the policy and the resources available through your office.”
5. Experiential Credit Follow Up— On March 26 three separate focus group sessions on the topic of Prior Learning Assessment were held at the Ohio Board of Regents in Columbus. This initiative was funded by the Lumina Foundation. The University of Cincinnati had seven representatives in attendance. One session was for administrators only: Heidi Pettyjohn, Testing Center, and Jack Johnson, Veterans
Center, attended that session. Two sessions were held for faculty. The first session was attended by Ed Bridgeman (Clermont), Greg Bucks (CEAS) and Linda Graeter (FSAAC/Allied Health). The second session was attended by Hazem Said (CECH) and Adrianne Lane (FSAAC/Nursing). Attendee estimate was that there were approximately 10 attendees at the administrative focus group of which 2 were from UC. Of the 16 faculty attendees comprising the 2 faculty groups, five were from UC.

From A. Lane’s perspective, UC was ahead of where the other attendees’ universities were in addressing a cohesive Prior Learning Assessment program. The focus group report will be presented to the OBR. The OBR will be forming a Prior Learning Assessment Task Force. Faculty members who attended these focus groups will serve as the pool of potential members for OBR task force.

At UC Caroline Miller and Heidi Pettyjohn will be forming a UC-PLA Task Force prior to the end of this academic year. Faculty Senate will elect 4 representatives (one from each campus) to this group. Adrianne encouraged members to watch for this call and respond.

6. Agenda items for next academic year will include monitoring university activities related to the Complete College Ohio report, MOOCs, Textbook Affordability, Prior Learning Assessment, and the Academic Committee activity specific to the Academic Integrity Task Force Report.

7. No other meetings scheduled this academic year; meetings will be called on an as needed basis in the summer.

8. Adrianne encouraged all members to watch for Senate Call for committee membership and to please run again.

9. Adrianne will draft the 2012-2013 FSAAC Report and circulate to FSAAC members for input prior to submitting to Chair, Richard Miller.

10. Meeting adjourned at 10:00

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**Next Meeting Date? TBA or Fall 2013**

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