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

Committee: Academic Affairs Committee  
Prepared By: Adrianne Lane  
Date: 11/26/12

Faculty Members at the Meeting: B. Reigle, M. Magazine, T. Roig-Torres, L. Graeter, A. Lane, (Chair)

Topics Discussed:

1. Review of Agenda by Adrianne.
2. Charge of Committee statement
3. Provost Committee on Teaching Excellence (PCOTE) Report—FSAAC held an in-depth discussion of this report as shared and presented by Howard Jackson at the October FSAAC meeting. In preparation of this in-depth discussion FSAAC members reviewed the Report of the Faculty Development Review Committee dated Spring 2012 and submitted to John Bryan, Vice Provost for Academic Personnel, and Deborah Herman, Executive Director, UC Chapter AAUP; the mission of the UC Academy for Fellows of Teaching and Learning (AFTL); the mission of the Center for Enhancement of Teaching and Learning (CET&L); purpose of the Faculty Development Council (FDC); and Article 24 of the AAUP-UC Collective Bargaining Agreement. Members acknowledged the merit of the overall goals of the report and the contributing members. Even so, several concerns were voiced and discussed. Among the concerns were 1) an apparent lack of clarity regarding the organizational structure being recommended within the report, 2) potential duplication of mission with existing UC entities, 3) financial implications of proposed expenditures leading to a reduction in the total amount of contractual faculty development funds that would be accessible to all faculty, and 4) potential or realized impact on faculty evaluation via annual review and/or RPT. The FSAAC expressed concern that, in this era of scarce resources, allocations and expenditures should be targeted to strengthening existing entities and made accessible to all faculty. Members did not support the creation and funding of a new organizational structure that duplicates the missions and purposes of existing services. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed that the FSAAC did not endorse the report in its present form. A Lane will provide a formal FSAAC comment concerning this report to FS Cabinet at the next meeting. The FSAAC did support the inclusion of standard all university questions on the student course evaluations, but did note that college and faculty must have the opportunity to also include college and course specific questions to these evaluations. A Lane will forward this course evaluation feedback to Howard Jackson.

4. Academic Integrity Task Force Update—Adrianne reported that the Academic Committee had reviewed the report at their last meeting on the second Thursday of November. The AC, chaired by Kristi Nelson, appointed a sub-committee charged with addressing and determining next steps for recommendations outlined in the report. Adrianne is a member of AC and the subcommittee. Adrianne will provide updates to FSAAC.

5. Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee—Next meeting 11/28/12, any member is

7. Ohio Faculty Council Update---Adrianne shared that the revised SSI formula was due to Governor Kasich by Thanksgiving; to date Adrianne has received no information specific to the revised formula. Adrianne also did submit the FSAAC comments regarding the Ohio faculty credentialing draft to the Provost Office upon request: comments provided were the same comments she shared with the OFC earlier this academic year.

8. Complete College Ohio Report—Adrianne distributed this report prior to the meeting for members to conduct a preliminary review and prepare to discuss next steps of FSAAC relative to the report. Members briefly discussed highlights of the report and noted overall issues and concerns. A Lane will investigate with Kristi Nelson if any university group is reviewing or planning to review this report. A Lane suggested that the January meeting of FSAAC be devoted to a discussion of the report relative to implications for UC faculty. A FSAAC review of this report is within the charge of this committee.

9. Next meetings: During Spring semester FSAAC will meet the 4th Monday of the month from 8:45 to 10:15. Mike will investigate scheduling LCOB 537.

10. Meeting adjourned at 10:15.

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By Whom:

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___ By Cabinet
___ Others (List-)

Next Meeting Date? Monday, January 28, at 8:45 am at LCOB, room 537.

When complete, save your report with the committee name and report date as the file name. Please send the file to Faculty Senate (Faculty.Senate@uc.edu). Thank you!