

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes 10/20/15

Tyrrell calls senate meeting to order 4:35pm.

1. Approval of minutes from Sept. 15, 2015: No objections, approved
Motion to approve John Bulevich, seconded, and approved by unanimous consent.

2. Report on Graduate School and Continuing Studies:
Report by Interim Provost Susan Davenport. Since Leitner is moving to faculty in January, a working group tasked by Interim President Kesselman assessing the current configuration of graduate studies wants input before finalizing a decision. Plan to split in half the functions of the School without continuing the School or dean. Director of graduate studies would handle enrollment, management, and administration through Academic Affairs. The Office of Continuing Studies, which would continue to be overseen by a Director of Continuing Studies, would exist as a separate entity likewise reporting to the Office of the Provost. The expectation is a seamless transition. Graduate programs will then be housed within appropriate Schools with deans providing oversight. There will be no change in practice just in administrative efficiency. Working group plans a review at the end of the fiscal year to see what needs to be changed and taking feedback.

3. Update on Atlantic City Initiatives Task Force:
Report by the architect Don Hudson. Tyrrell gives background stressing that no details yet such as finances (dollar amounts) or anything else have been finalized or signed. They would like to have a wider dialogue with some subcommittees formed for academic affairs, student affairs, and facilities, each with additional faculty members to bring the total to 8 faculty. Restatement of initiatives by President Kesselman from May. Gave an overview of site analysis with emphasis on N. Albany Ave. sites including history of the area. Identified 3 areas of interest plus 4th for potential development. No college money has been spent on this project. Assessing academic needs in order for partners to come up with a pricing/budget for business plan. The original design did not fit since there wasn't didn't ask for specs from Stockton but now addressing constituents.
 - a. Academic Buildings.
 - b. Retail Opportunities and Residential Life.
 - c. Parking.Tyrell opens floor to discussion. Hudson answers questions stressing role of AC task force, surveys of AC community, and no formal/legal partnership formed with Atlantic City, Development Corporation (AC Devco), headed by Chris Palladino, at present time.

4. Commencement Keynote Speaker Selection Process Policy:
Speaker always selected by president to exclusion of faculty resulting in varying degrees of quality. Interim President Kesselman asked for process with input from staff, students, and faculty. Academic Policy Committee drafted a process which has Student Affairs submitting shortlist to President. Graduations for December 2015 and May 2016 will not have this process; there is not enough time to implement. Discussion opened. Jackson motion for a vote, seconded. Approved by unanimous consent.

5. December Graduation Charge:
Review of the document emailed to senators with charges for Student Affairs, Administration & Finance, and Academic Policies committees. Jackson motion to approve, seconded. Approved by unanimous consent.

6. Center and Institutes Charge to be sent to Academic Policies:
Charge comes from Office of the Provost. The BOT had requested information on the fiscal health of the Centers and Institutes, whether they were achieving their goals and information on how a new one could be opened. Clarification that this does not include the summer institutes, which are workshops. Does not need senate approval. Tyrell opens floor to discussion.

7. Informational announcement by Brian Tyrrell:
Requesting Senators to look into any information they or others at the University might have on the prior Module Task Forces and their final reports or any other information on these prior Task Forces.

No new business or reports.

Rodger Jackson moved to adjourn, seconded. Approved by unanimous consent.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm