MEMORANDUM

TO: The Faculty

FROM: Kathy Pollock, Chair
Senate Executive Committee

DATE: 17 March 2015

SUBJ: End-of-the-Year Committee Reports

Attached are brief reports from Senate committees and subcommittees of their activities and actions for the past year.

Chairs:

- Academic Computing Information Technology Advisory Subcommittee (A. Montenegro)
- Subcommittee on Athletics (R. Vandell)
- Budgetary Affairs Subcommittee (J. Malanson)
- Calendar Subcommittee (E. Ohlander)
- Continuing Education Advisory Subcommittee (M. Montesino)
- Curriculum Review Subcommittee (L. Corbin)
- Educational Policy Committee (C. Gurgur)
- Faculty Affairs Committee (N. Borbieva)
- General Education Subcommittee (A. Downs)
- Graduate Subcommittee (M. Sharma)
- Honors Program Council (S. LaVere)
- Indiana University Committee on Institutional Affairs (J. Badia)
- International Services Advisory Subcommittee (J. Niser)
- Library Subcommittee (S. LaVere)
- Nominations and Elections Committee (L. Vartanian)
- Professional Development Subcommittee (A. Downs)
- Purdue University Committee on Institutional Affairs (P. Dragnev)
- Student Affairs Committee (C. Erickson)
- University Resources Policy Committee (M. Wolf)
- NCAA Faculty Representative (E. Blumenthal)
TO: The Senate

FROM: Andres Montenegro, Chair
Academic Computing and Information Technology Advisory Subcommittee

DATE: March 26, 2015


The Academic Computing and Information Technology Advisory Subcommittee has no ongoing document under deliberation at this time, however our committee is conducting a very important discussion about the future of our Learning Management System. At the ACITAS meeting on the 4th of March we discussed the possibility of Purdue University moving to the Canvas Learning Management system and away from Blackboard Learn.

They are conducting a pilot right now. It is possible, maybe likely, that if they chose to move to Canvas we will need to move as well. We do not have any faculty in the pilot but have the opportunity to get “sandbox” so we can get into a sample class and see how it works.

ACITAS resolved:

1. To encourage IPFW faculty get involved in the Canvas pilot.
2. Inform the University Senate about the relevance of the discussion.
3. Suggest a possible survey to the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, consulting our academic community about the effectiveness of the two LMS.
4. Encourage the members of ACITAS to request sandboxes of the Canvas pilot.
5. I anticipate an incoming meeting of ACITAS by mid April, to assess a formal report about this business.

Membership: Sandra Berry, Samantha Birk, Elizabeth Boatriight, Noor Borbieva, M. Davidson, Damian Fleming, Karen Van Gorder, C. Gurgur, Andres Montenegro, Alison Rynearson, Gary Steffen, Cheryl Truesdell
TO: The Senate

FROM: Robert Vandell, Chair
       Subcommittee on Athletics

DATE: March 27, 2015


No report was received.

Membership:

Lowell Beineke
Elliott Blumenthal (Faculty rep)
Mark DeLancey
James Hersberger
Kelly Hartley Hutton
Christine Kuznar
Kim McDonald

Rachel Rayburn
Shawna Squibb
Robert Vandell
James Velez
Wendy Wilson (Comp Coordinator)
David Young
TO: The Senate

Jeffrey Malanson, Chair

FROM: Budgetary Affairs Subcommittee

DATE: March 24, 2015


BAS is currently investigating the Management Agreement.

Membership:

Susan Anderson
Noor Borbjeva
Cigdem Gurgur
Steven Hanke

Peter Iadicola
Jeffrey Malanson
Peter Ng
Deborah Poling
TO: The Senate

FROM: Erik Ohlander, Chair
Calendar Subcommittee

DATE: March 27, 2015


No report was received.

Membership:

Patricia Bodinka
Talia Bugel
Steven Hanke
Gail Hickey
Patrick McLaughlin (ex officio, nonvoting)

Erik Ohlander
Mary Remenschneider
Sue Skekloff
Ryan Yoder
TO: The Senate
FROM: Max Montesino, Chair
Continuing Education Subcommittee
DATE: March 23, 2015

Nothing to report at this time.

Membership:

Sarah Beckman
Karen Van Gorder (ex officio)
Solomon Isiorho
Lee-Ellen Kirkhorn

Max Montesino
Peter Ng
Suzanne Rumsey
TO: The Senate

FROM: Laurie Corbin, Chair
      Curriculum Review Subcommittee

DATE: March 26, 2015


During the academic year of 2014-2015, the Curriculum Review Subcommittee approved two proposals: one for the Bachelor of Science in Dental Technology, the other for the Concentration in Genetics, Cellular, and Molecular Biology. The committee considered four proposed minors in Accounting, Finance, Management, and Marketing: two of these (Management, Marketing) needed to be revised. All four minors will be considered by the subcommittee before the end of this academic year. The committee members are:

Membership:

Laurie Corbin          David Liu
Ronald Duchovic       Myeong Hwan Kim
Cheryl Duncan         Steven Sarratore (ex officio,
Gail Hickey            nonvoting)
Craig Hill
Nancy Jackson
TO: The Senate
FROM: Cigdem Gurgur, Chair
       Educational Policy Committee
DATE: March 27, 2015

1. Submitted SD 14-8 for Senate approval eliminating Developmental Studies Subcommittee.
2. Submitted SD 14-9 for Senate approval changing Senate Bylaws for International Education Advisory Subcommittee (IEAS)
4. Submitted SD 14-16 for Senate approval adopting Change in Regulation, Effective Fall 2015, Academic Probation, Dismissal and Readmission.
5. Submitted SD 14-17 for Senate approval changing Academic Regulation 1.3, Undergraduate Student Classification.
7. Submitted SD 14-24 for Senate approval endorsing recommendations on includED Digital Textbook/Course Material Project.
8. Discussed the academic policy, 32-hour Resident Credit Rule, as requested by Audeen Fentiman, Purdue System Coordinator, requiring a student to take at least 32 semester hours of credit from the Purdue campus that issues the student’s degree.
9. Recommended to the VCAA that the deadline for withdrawing from a course be extended one week for spring 2015 courses.
10. Discussed and approved a Senate resolution on universal class scheduling possibility, M/W mirroring T/R afternoons.
11. Considered the 3 levels of impact of new SAT score changes, including better placement opportunity and recalibration of the 3 predictor variables used in the current admission process. This agenda item is expected to carry for fall 2015. Spring 2016 is the last timeframe for EPC to take any action, as new SAT score changes will become effective with fall 2017 admits.
12. Created a dual task force with URPC to address SD 12-12, conducting an investigation to determine the costs and benefits of IPFW’s participation in the Dual Credit Program. The Task Force completed the report with suggestions for the improvement of the Dual Credit Program.
13. Discussed international student recruitment efforts, particularly, the systematic approach consideration with the West Lafayette campus.

Membership: Noor Borbieva, Benjamin Dattilo, Peter Dragnev, Carl Drummond (Spring 2015)
Cigdem Gurgur, Jane Leatherman, Ann Livschiz, Patrick McLaughlin, Steve Sarratore (Fall 2014)
TO: The Senate

FROM: Noor Borbieva, Chair
Faculty Affairs Committee

DATE: March 26, 2015


1. Monitored the progress of the P&T Task Force.
2. Reviewed and provided feedback on the Math Department’s P&T procedures document.
3. Investigated problems with the system for faculty evaluation of administrators. Will bring to the senate a resolution that allows FAC to standardize the process across schools.
4. Discussed and approved a senate resolution on promotions of CL’s to Assistant Professor.
5. Reviewed, approved, and provided feedback on the College of Health and Human Services P&T document.
6. Reviewed and approved those parts of the College of Education and Public Policy’s revised handbook that relate to P&T. Forwarded the document to the senate, which approve it.
8. Discussed the dormant "Associate Faculty Grant," historically administered by FAC.

Membership:

Noor Borbieva  Carol Sternberger
Benjamin Dattilo  Brenda Valliere
Cigdem Gurgur  Lesa Vartanian
Rachel Rayburn
TO: The Senate

FROM: Andrew Downs, Chair
General Education Subcommittee

DATE: March 27, 2015

SUBJ: End of the Year Committee Reports, 2014-2015

The GES has reviewed the general education course assessment reports that were submitted at the end of the 2014 fall semester and is reviewing proposals for new general education courses and changes to existing general education courses.

Finally, the GES has been following and participating in statewide discussions of the Statewide Transfer General Education Core (STGEC).

Membership:

Stevens Amidon
Susan Anderson
Andrew Downs
Carl Drummond

Michelle Fritz
Ann Livschiz
Peter Ng
Linda Wright-Bower

TO: The Senate
FROM: Maneesh Sharma
Graduate Subcommittee

DATE: March 27, 2015


No report was received.

Membership:

Troy Bassett
David Cochran (PU Liaison)
Kerri Fineran
Shannon Johnson

Deborah Poling
Maneesh Sharma
Carol Sternberger
TO: The Faculty  
FROM: Suzanne LaVere, Chair  
IPFW Honors Program Council  
DATE: March 26, 2015  
SUBJ: End-of-the-Year Committee Reports, 2014-2015

The Honors Program Council is continuing to review Honors course proposals and student scholarship applications, as well as preparing the Honors curriculum for 2015-16. The council is also preparing for the Honors Program Showcase, which will be held on April 10.

Membership:

Susan Anderson  
Cigdem Gurgur  
Suzanne LaVere  
Ann Livschiz  
Punya Nachappa  

Nila Reimer  
Chris Rutkowski  
Steve Sarratore (ex officio)  
Jamie Toole
TO: The Senate

FROM Janet Badia, Chair
Indiana University Committee on Institutional Affairs

DATE: March 27, 2015


No report was received.

Membership:

Janet Badia
Cigdem Gurgur
Maneesh Sharma

Brenda Valliere
1 vacancy
TO: The Senate

FROM: John Niser, Chair
International Education Advisory Subcommittee

DATE: March 27, 2015


No report was received.

Membership:

Zhuming Bi
Shannon Bischoff
Marietta Frye (ex officio)
Solomon Isiorho

Beomjin Kim
Brian Mylrea (ex officio)
John Niser
TO: The Senate

FROM: Suzanne LaVere, Chair
Library Subcommittee

DATE: March 26, 2015


The Senate Library Subcommittee has completed work on drafting an Open Access Policy, which was approved by URPC in late February and will go to the full Senate for a vote. The subcommittee is also working with librarians on organizing an information session on predatory journals. In addition, the subcommittee will reviewing Special Needs Grants in April.

Membership:
Talia Bugel
Adam Coffman
Suining Ding
Suzanne LaVere
Chenwei Lei
Kathleen Murphey
Deborah Poling
Lumomir Stanchev
Cheryl Truesdell
TO: The Senate

FROM: Lesa Rae Vartanian, Chair
Nominations and Elections Committee

DATE: March 27 2015


We collected nominations for spring election and we are working on preparing the online ballot.

Membership:

  Cigdem Gurgur   Steven Stevenson
  Gail Hickey    Lesa Vartanian
TO: The Senate
FROM: Andrew Downs, Chair
Professional Development Subcommittee
DATE: March 27, 2015

The Professional Development Subcommittee (PDS) finished reviewing and recommending summer grants and sabbaticals in the fall. This spring, it has provided feedback to summer grant applicants who requested feedback and is considering improvements to the summer grant process. It has taken no action since then.

Membership:
Hosni Abu-Mulaweh
Jihad Albayyari (ex officio, nonvoting)
Andrew Downs
Rachel Hile

Connie Kracher
Peter Ng
Janet Papiernik
Sue Skekloff
TO: The Senate
FROM: Peter Dragnev, Chair
       Purdue University Committee on Institutional Affairs
DATE: March 23, 2015

No report for PUCIA.

Membership:

Suleiman Ashur
Peter Dragnev
Daniel Miller

John Niser
1 vacancy
TO: The Senate
FROM: Christine Erickson, Chair
       Student Affairs Committee
DATE: March 27, 2015

No report was received.

Membership:

Chao Chen          Kathy Pollock
Benjamin Dattilo   Hao Sun
Christine Erickson 1 vacancy
George McClellan (ex officio)
TO: The Senate

FROM: Michael Wolf, Chair
University Resources Policy Committee

DATE: March 27, 2015


No report was received.

Membership:

Suleiman Ashur
Jihad Albayyari (ex officio)
Sarah Didier
Peter Dragnev
Cyndy Elick
Cigdem Gurgur
H. Jay Harris (ex officio, nonvoting)
Peter Iadicola

Kathy Pollock
Nila Reimer
David Wesse (ex officio)
Robert Wilkinson (ex officio, nonvoting)

Michael Wolf
3 vacancies
TO: The Senate

FROM: Elliot Blumenthal
NCAA Faculty Representative

DATE: March 27, 2015


No report was received.