

Academic Senate Meeting Agenda

Sam Karas Room

September 21, 2017

2:30pm-4:15pm

Academic Senate Members Present

Heather Craig, Glenn Tozier, Susanne Muszala, Kathleen Clark, Odir Bonilla (ASMP Student Representative), Mark Clements, Jon Cristobal, Adria Gerard, Elias Kary, Robynn Smith, Sandra Washington

Academic Senate Members Absent

Sunny LeMoine, Jacque Evans, Abeje Ambaw, Lynn Kragelund

Visitors

Jon Knolle, Cathryn Wilkinson, Judith Cutting, Paola Gilbert, Anita Johnson

Meeting Called to Order: 2:37pm

I. Opening Business

A. Public Comments/Welcome

- None

B. Approval of Minutes

- May 25, August 17 Retreat, and September 7 minutes accepted

II. Reports

A. President's Report

- Heather's notes linked to September 21 agenda: PAG, meeting with President, PRIE, President's Extended Cabinet, AAAG.
- Jon K: Senate members and faculty welcome to attend CAC meetings to learn about processes and procedures; FLEX activities also in the works to inform campus about CAC work.
- Heather: Should we have a rotation of attendance by Senate members at CAC meetings, in addition to CAC/Senate rep (Fred H.)?
- CAC meets Wednesday 3:30-5pm.
- Possible IEPI meeting with Senate members? Heather will keep Senate posted...
- Heather: Should we have a demonstration from Catherine Webb about Power BI and data collecting?
- Still Senate work to do regarding accreditation (assessment and defining roles). Heather will bring information forward as needed.

- Faculty prioritization process beginning in AAAG: Conversations about proposed faculty positions begin October/November. Data from PRIE to support position requests needed by September 29. Division requests due to requisite deans October 6.
 - Senate President needed for next year.
- B. Committee on Committees **ACTION**
- Keith Eubanks (English) volunteered for LAC. **Motion to Approve: Susanne; Second: Mark; Vote: All in favor of Keith Eubanks' appointment to LAC.**
 - Academic Counsel: Representation from instructional faculty needed; tasked with reviewing student petitions (including petitions for degrees, for example); meets twice monthly.
 - 2 Senate at-large positions still need to be filled: Bruce Barrie and Jacqueline Stratton have volunteered/expressed interest--Invite to Senate meeting? Nominations needed from each division.
 - Kristin Darken will be helping coordinate/organize COC information so that various committees' needs and representation are more widely known.
- C. Academic Freedom Committee
- Paola Gilbert: Handout provided with definition of academic freedom, information about academic freedom committees at other institutions of higher education, a history of the AFC here at MPC, AFC committee functions, and possible meeting schedule.
 - Heather: Are more members needed, only a committee of 3? Perhaps "expertise" needed more than a particular number of members.
 - Clarified: Subcommittee of Senate.
 - Committee's inclusion needed in Guide to Institutional Decision Making, once committee officially approved by Senate. Vote will be taken at a future meeting.
- D. CTE Liaison Report
- New CTE Dean introduced: Judith Cutting. She spoke to state's emphasis on Strong Workforce funds. ICCTE (Institutional Committee for Career and Technical Education) charged with making recommendations regarding CTE programs, allocating funds on campus, demonstrating results, and fulfilling reporting guidelines.
 - Susanne: How will we create programs that lead to living-wage jobs in the area? Judith meeting with local workforce development offices, Chamber of Commerce, local job boards, etc. to partner on regional efforts toward that goal.
 - Jon K: Counselors can help provide feedback to Judith/ICCTE from students about needed CTE programs at MPC.
 - Heather: Some of this work intersects with Guided Pathways efforts, which may also help highlight further CTE program needs. Faculty in all disciplines can help inform those discussions, based on their interactions with students.
 - Robynn: Expressed some concern about Guided Pathways: There's a need for Liberal Arts pathways as much as CTE and STEM, for example.
 - Jon K: Pathways are less about narrowing options as increasing students' ability to be efficient in their academic decision-making. Critical that ALL viewpoints across campus are represented in those discussions and planning. Campus representatives are attending an upcoming Guided Pathways conference, which is designed to help institutions get started on their Pathways planning.
 - Mark and Sandra: Reiterated the need from the students' perspective to have clear, systematic information to present as they're making academic decisions.
 - Kathleen: What would the Senate like to hear more about?

- Susanne: Would like updates on progress and programs, perhaps reports from specific CTE faculty, regular reports about ICCTE meetings.
- E. Student's First Report
- Bruce Barrie, new member on Students First Committee.
 - Change in catalog rights policy already having a positive impact on students.
 - Question discussed in committee: How do we capture more degrees? Not all students want to follow the ADT path, so how do offer more options for students?
 - Jon K: Programs made those decisions (to eliminate degrees) themselves. Chancellor's Office has also mandated the prioritization of ADT degrees. Every degree program should be looking at this, and every degree program should be consulting Counseling in decision-making.
 - Anita: Reiterated that not all students are seeking ADT degrees, and are, therefore, sometimes just transferring without acquiring degrees at all. This impacts our degree-achievement numbers in specific programs, English, for example.
 - Susanne: There are still issues with students who, in an uninformed manner, are selecting P/NP option; this hurts those who need graded coursework for certain transfer requirements and degree programs. The committee is working with A&R about possible language to be included in WebReg that better informs students about that decision.

III. Old Business

A. Consent Agenda

1. Annual Report **ACTION: Motion to Approve: Mark; 2nd: Susanne; Vote: All in favor**

2. Revision of Bylaws

- Odir Bonilla will take the question back to ASMP: Should the student be a voting member? An advisory vote? Heather in favor of an advisory vote, and in favor of regular attendance of student reps, if possible.
- Sandra: An advisory vote also helps protect the student from any faculty reprisal.
- Heather: Any feedback about language regarding "President Elect"?
- Will be bringing draft back for vote.

3. Senate Goals for 2017-18

- Adria: Relayed Humanities Division's feedback--There was concern that the budget process had been sidestepped at the start of the semester, leaving many folks frustrated that their departments hadn't been consulted or forewarned about cuts, which often directly impacted instruction. Humanities faculty/staff would like that issue to be visited as a part of Goal #1. Humanities also requested that Goal #5 include a specific discussion about the relationship between Senate and CAC, and that any previous MOU outlining a relationship between Senate and CAC be revisited. Finally, Humanities requested a revision to Goal #6, that the wording should state: "Work with all parties on campus to identify student needs for *and barriers to* attaining academic success" (reiterating the work of the Students First Committee).
- Goals will be brought back for another read; some divisions haven't met, had the chance to weigh in yet.

- Some conversation took place about “broad” language of goals. Heather: broad language, perhaps, allows more conversations under each goal to take place as needed.
- Mark: “Faculty input” should be included in some way in #1, so that faculty might provide feedback on procedures, provide feedback on when in various processes faculty input should be sought, and provide feedback on how effective implementation of procedures has been.
- Heather: Senate will bring Catherine. Webb to discuss PRIE and the faculty role in decision-making.

IV. New Business

A. Board Policies

- BP 4230, 4231, 4235, 4240 will be brought back for future consideration.
- Glen: BP 4230--Red portions are somewhat confusing.
- Kathleen: Would like to see existing and new policies side-by-side for comparison.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:22pm