

## **Minutes**

### **Faculty Senate Meeting**

**Friday, March 30, 2018**

**10:30 A.M.—1:00 P.M.**

### **Third World Studies Conference Room – Second Floor of Library**

**Attendance: Susan Bragg, Paula Bryant, Catalina Casaru, Chadwick Gugg (Chair), Elizabeth Gurnack, Jamie MacLennan, Yangil Park, Laurel Robinson, Brian Smith**

**Guests: Dr. Genie Bryan, Dr. Gary Fisk, Mr. Royce Hackett**

#### **A quorum for the meeting was not established.**

- Approval of minutes for the 2/23/18 meeting was deferred to the next meeting
- Dr. Brian Smith addressed the deactivation of the Global Studies Certificate.
- The proposals from Academic Affairs will be sent for an electronic vote.

#### **1. Diversity and Inclusiveness at GSW**

- Mr. Royce Hackett was present to represent the Steering Committee on Diversity and Inclusiveness. He announced that the next meeting will on Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4pm.
- The Steering Committee will vote on the Faculty Senate Recommendation to President Weaver to determine if it is consistent with the GSW Strategic Plan
- Laurel Robinson advised the Senate of the Open Meetings Act and reminded the Senate that all committees are open meetings. Faculty members may attend any meeting and no meetings related to governance are confidential.

#### **2. Standing Committees**

- The members present continued the ongoing discussion related to Standing Committees.
- There was some discussion related to a restructuring of Faculty Governance to include Committees composed of Faculty, Staff and Students. These committees would have specific missions to address issues that are relevant to faculty, staff and students.
- Dr. Gary Fisk discussed the need for a committee to address online learning. There was discussion related to the need for oversight to meet SACS requirements, consistency among online courses and assisting faculty with course development, pedagogical approaches, etc. Concerns were raised

regarding issues with academic freedom and the need for a Department of Distance Learning.

- It was proposed that at the next meeting we discuss and take a vote on adding 3 of the following committees: Faculty Development Committee, Committee for Online Course Teaching/Distance Learning, Strategic Planning Committee or President's Advisory Committee, Promotion & Tenure ( Move to a standing Committee), International Studies Committee, Community Outreach/Community Relations, Committee on Diversity.
- Dr. Gurnack agreed to assist with developing the charges for each committee.
- Dr. Gugg will ask Alla Yemelyanov to set up a Ga View Course for the Faculty Senate in order to post documents, discuss and survey Senate members.

### **3. Move On When Ready Courses.**

- Dr. Genie Bryan addressed concerns related to the quality of courses taught at high schools and the credentials of faculty teaching the courses.
- Students are counted in enrollment numbers when enrolled in MOWR courses.
- Books are being sent to local high schools that are not being used.

### **4. Is there a better method to disseminate to Faculty University Sanctioned Absences?**

- Dr. Fisk discussed concerns related to privacy matters when emails are sent with student names to all faculty members.
- There was some discussion related to requiring the student to be responsible for informing Faculty of the sanctioned absence.

### **5. Faculty Evaluation of Administrators**

- There was a brief discussion on the need to evaluate the VPAA /Associate VPAA.
- The discussion was tabled to a later time.

### **6. Other Business**

- The College of Nursing and Health Sciences has asked for an additional Senator due to the reorganization and addition of programs.
- This will require a Statute Change.
- The matter will be added to the agenda for the April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **7. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M.**