



University Council Student Engagement and Success

Minutes: February 17, 2016

Attendees: Angeletti, Ricky; Byrne, Michelle; Gannon, Debbie; Levy, Paul; Messina, John; Pinheiro, Amanda; Pleuss, Carol; Spayd, Michael

Absent with Notice:
Gruich, Dorothy; Novachek, Michele;

Absent: Boveington, Cory; Cookston, Katherine; Kemp, Sukanya; Krovi, Ravi;

Meeting called to order at 9:05 am
January SES Committee minutes approved

I. Updates on University Council Membership

- a. Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (AGB) recommendations to the BOT by the end of the month.
- b. Recommendations submitted by Student Engagement and Success:
 - i. The UC will not have its own independent chair. The Provost serves as chair. This is not acceptable.
 - ii. There are not enough standing committees, and the number of members of the UC and its subcommittees have been decreased. This is not acceptable.
 - iii. Very few specifications as to what is the role of the UC, in other word, not clearly and succinctly worded responsibilities. We believe the very vague language will allow for interpretation such that shared governance will decrease and not increase.
 - iv. The selection process and structure of the committees as explained in D6, 7 & 8 has been gutted and replaced with minimal explanation. This is not acceptable.
 - v. Terms for UC members shall be for one year. Too brief! This does not allow for experience and knowledge of issues involved to be explored and evaluated. As you know, the UC moves slowly on issues/concerns brought to it (just the Bylaws for example that are almost three years in the process) and institutional knowledge would be lost & have to be repeated to understand the background to UC matters. Also with only one year terms, you are running for reelection frequently instead of doing your council work.
 - vi. Also, the Provost appointing four members to the Executive Committee gives the Provost too much power to stack the committee. It seemed that the breakdown of EC membership with group identification (faculty, staff, contract professional members) was lined out & I am not sure how the EC composition is determined.
- c. Retirement/Succession planning sent to Bill Viau, responses due by the end of April.
- d. Elections:
 - i. Chair – Dr. Harvey Sterns (faculty)
 - ii. Vice Chair – Ruth Nine Duff (SEAC)
 - iii. Secretary – Isaac Lampner (USG)
- e. Subcommittee goals are due to UC by March.

II. Subcommittee Goals – update

- a. Ricky, Michelle and Debbie met and came up with a questionnaire to be sent to the academic student services departments.
- b. Once we receive the questionnaires back we will send to the non-academic student services departments.
- c. After much discussion, we tabled the questionnaire. It was suggested perhaps the key contact people from each academic student service department speak to our committee.

III. Diversity Council Recommendation

- a. Recommendation has been tabled, Lee Gill is leaving UA.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.