

University Senate Executive Committee October 5, 2012 - Meeting Minutes

Attendees: President Becker, Provost Palm, Don Reitzes, Kristen Varjas, Lynda Goodfellow, Mary Finn, Laura Fredrick, Rose Sevcik

- I. Approval of Minutes of April 19, 2012 and June 19, 2012 – The minutes were approved.
- II. President's Report
 - Positive feedback was received on the State of the University Address. There was a large viewing audience from the University community
 - Enrollment for this year is up slightly ahead of last year.
- III. Provost's Report
 - Matthew Pellish from the Education Advisory Board presented a talk at Georgia State on the challenges of the changing nature of the environment in higher education and the issues of Digital Education.
 - The Deans are implementing budget reduction strategies as well as graduate enrollment strategies with the individual departments.
 - The core curriculum Maps developed in the College of Arts and Sciences for individual departments, and the new advising system that is currently being implemented was featured at a meeting of the Education Advisory Board.
 - The Provost will do a report at the Senate on completing the Strategic Plan goals.
- IV. Senate Business
 - A. Motion from the Admissions and Standards Committee
 1. Emergency Withdrawals – The Committee recommended that the document be sent back for further revisions and then resubmitted with track changes to address the concerns about giving faculty the options for WFs.
 2. Signature Experience – The motion passed.
 - B. Motion from the Nominations Committee
 1. Addendum to the April 19, 2012 Nominations Report – Information Item.
 - C. Motion from the Academic Programs Committee
 1. Graduate Faculty Policy
 - D. Discussion Items
 1. Updates on *ad hoc* committees
 - Administration of graduate programs – Will schedule a committee meeting to complete the draft.
 - Non-tenure track manual – Doesn't have a draft yet.
 - Academic Program Review – Draft is being circulated to Provost and Deans but not complete.

- Graduate Faculty Status – Going back to Faculty Affairs but will be ready for the January meeting.
 - Faculty Handbook – Working on a full draft with Faculty Affairs and maybe ready in the Spring.
2. Gender equity study – The report has gone out and positive feedback was received. Faculty Affairs will continue to monitor equity issues.
 3. Centennial Committee – The committee is meeting regularly. DeAnna Hines will give a report at the Senate Meeting.
 4. Confirmation of Cheryl Levick as October 18 Senate meeting speaker.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40P.