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I. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda. Golland called the meeting to order at 1:01pm. The draft agenda was approved without objection.

II. Administration Updates
   A. Prerequisite Checking (Sexton)
      - Form to be distributed. There are differences in procedures at the program level. Must establish preferred protocol for programs. Faculty will then receive training.
      - At the next faculty senate meeting on April 19th, Chris Huang and Lisa Helm will provide a presentation on error messaging for prerequisite checking.

   B. Updates (Cada)
      - Dr. Vendrely will be leaving for Goshen.
      - Working on process for replacement of Associate Provost position. It will be an internal search process.
      - Academic Master Plan. Provost Allison created group before the campus was a complete four-year institution. Faculty Senate has worked to create a process for membership. Name is not representative of work of the
group, considering changing the name. Faculty Senate President could be possible co-chair. This committee doesn’t vote, it is more recommendation based. It does not supplant regular structures.

C. AMPC Resolution. Golland asked if there were objections to amending the agenda to immediately discuss the AMPC resolution while Dr. Cada was present. Without objection, the agenda was so amended.

- The Motion to approve the AMPC resolution was made and seconded by the Executive Committee.
- Winicki proposed an amendment which would require that the Senate President’s designee be from among the Senators—not limited to the Senate officers—and that the designee be approved by the Senate. The amendment was seconded. Following discussion, the amendment failed 5-7-1.
- Cervantes proposed an amendment to delete the word “officers” from the parenthetical portion pertaining to the Senate President’s designee. Following discussion, the amendment was seconded. Following discussion, the amendment passed.
- Cervantes proposed an amendment to remove the clause stating that the AMPC will have no curricular or program review authority, without prejudice. Carrington seconded. Amendment passed with 2 opposed and 1 abstention.
- The resolution as amended was approved unanimously.

D. Cada (Continued)

- Commencement. Participation form circulating. Please plan to participate. The morning ceremonies have 14 faculty confirmed; 9 marshals. The afternoon ceremonies have 22 confirmed; 10 marshals.
- Suggestion from floor to have students serve as marshals. Question regarding the accuracy of the volunteer form.

III. Other Senate Reports
A. Student Senate Report (Moody).

- Had forum with Dr. Marrar to discuss participation in the vote. In April, there will be a Rock The Vote event and there will also be one in the fall.
- Will send out survey for students to provide information on professors who do not put in grades until the final week of school.
- Timeliness of grades. Policy 26 Task Force created. Dr. Rhea, as an administrator with faculty rank, is a co-chair and graduate student Derrick Brown is also a co-chair. There are three subcommittees in the body. Next meeting is TBA.
- Faculty Senate is invited and requested to attend meetings of the Student Senate.
(Golland) Winicki requested SEI information on timely feedback of grades. There are other faculty members on the committee. Golland attended previous Student Senate meeting.

Discussion ensues of how feedback is received.

B. Civil Service Senate Report (Jones-Harper). Golland stated that he would email report.

C. Unit B Faculty Report (Comer).

- Introductions.
- Misperceptions of who Unit Bs are and would like to correct perceptions. Many Unit Bs hold doctorates and work on curriculum without credit.
- Doctoral students – Unit Bs used to head committees. For example, in one program there are 12 members and only 4 are tenured. Would like to reconsider whether Unit B could head committees.
- Unit B are asked to do curricular work, in some cases program coordinator. Would be nice if Unit B could cosign.
- Consider adding a permanent seat at Faculty Senate for Unit B.

IV. Old Business

A. Approval of Previous Minutes. The minutes of the February 15, 2018 meeting, moved and seconded by the Executive Committee, carried unanimously.

B. SEI Task Force.

- Motion to approve SEI Task Force Report. Moved and seconded by EC.
- Winicki proposes amendment to strike item 4.
- Discussion ensued.
- Call for a vote (10 yeas, 8 nays). Amendment passes.
- Discussion of replacement of items.
- Parliamentarian corrects body on proper procedure for approving reports. Vote rescinded without objection.
- Amendment converted to recommendation without objection.
- Call for a vote on approving the report.
- Report approved with recommendation. (1 nay, no abstentions).

V. Reports

A. President

1. Bylaws amendment – Moved and seconded by EC. Motion carries unanimously.
2. Policy Monitoring Committee. Moved and seconded by EC. Motion carries unanimously.
3. Policy 38. Comes moved and seconded by IPC following vetting by EC. Motion passes unanimously.
4. Academic Council (Winicki). Discussion of course release time.

C. Senate Committees

1. APCR (Wadhwa) No Report.
2. IPC (Boland-Prom)
a. Drone Policy. Has gone through Student Senate. Moved and seconded by IPC. Motion to approve carries unanimously.
b. Policy 1 revision. Postponed to next meeting.

3. UCC (Parin) Minutes provided.

D. University Committees
   1. Grad Council (Muhammed) Have meeting in April. Will discuss retention and increasing international student enrollment.
   2. General Education Council (Tamulis). No report.

E. Bargaining Unit (Estep). Working on issues related to protecting personal information.

F. IBHE (Cortese/Chen) Online attachments. Legislature debating banning the use of taxpayer money for faculty scholarly travel.

G. Colleges
   1. Library (Geller) Faculty authors reception.

VI. Announcements
A. Next Senate Exec. Committee Meeting: April 5, 1:00 to 3:00, Library Conf. Rm.
B. Next BOT Committee meetings: May 9, starting at 9:00AM, Engbretson Hall
C. Next Full BOT Meeting: May 16, starting at 9:00AM, Engbretson Hall

VII. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 3:07PM.