

Faculty Senate Minutes

October 22, 2014

1. Call to order

Amitabha Bose called to order the regular meeting of the Faculty Senate at 2:38 pm.

2. Roll Call

The following voting members were present: M. Bieber, D. Blackmore, A. Bose, D. Bunker, Y. Ding, G. Esperdy, J. Federici, I. Gatley, B. Hunter, A. Klobucar, N. Maher, E. Michalopoulou, Y. Perl, Z. Qiu, A. Rosato, A. Schuman, A. Sohn, and C. Sylla.

The following non-voting members or others were present: B. Baltzis, S. Brito, A. Dhawan, C. Fey, M. Guibault, E. Bishof, R. Sweeney, D. Scharf, B. Reynolds, D. Ullman and J. Vito

3. Approval of Minutes from Prior Meeting

The minutes from the October 15th meeting were approved.

4. Reports:

Committee on Information Technology, Library and Academic Resources (CITLAR) – B. Reynolds gave an overview of the October 14th, committee meeting. He reported on a discussion regarding converged classroom model and distance learning initiatives. Further information will be reviewed to prepare for meeting with Embanet. E. Bishof reported increased revenue on distance learning \$1.4 last year compared to \$1.4 Fall only.

A motion to approve the CITLAR report was unanimously approved.

5. Guidelines for Course Evaluation

A. Bose reviewed the guidelines and indicated that a 63% threshold for automatic opening during Period 2 of the evaluations was established during the October 1, 2014 FS meeting for Fall 2014 (Going forward the threshold can be changed). Discussion included tutorials and testing periods prior to implementation.

D. Ullman reported this course evaluation system was purchased on a perpetual license.

A motion to approve guidelines and raise threshold to 80% was passed by a vote of 10 members in favor, 8 members against.

6. The 2010 Vision: Strategic Planning document.

Bose reported that the Ad Hoc Committee on Participation and Review of the 2020 Vision Strategic Plan provided a comparison of the October 3rd document with the May Unified Committee Report. 16 out of 17 committee members provided anonymous reviews that were delivered to the Provost on October 17. Bose reported that the Provost had agreed to allow members from the Ad Hoc Review Committee to work with his team in the next version of the draft.

7. Institute Faculty Meeting (October 29, 2014)

Bose asked the senate members what agenda items should go before the faculty. The following items were mentioned: the New Course Evaluation, Academic Hiring policy, Grade Appeal, a quick overview of the critical issues the senate is working on, and an overview of the Shared Governances Structure.

8. The meeting adjourned at 4.30 p.m.