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Report to the Senate

September 7, 2016

(what happened over the summer)



Proposals: Responses from administration:

Approved:

Senate proposal 7-16: Amending the Senate Procedure 506.1.1, Evaluation Procedures for Department Chairs and School Deans.

Senate proposal 30-16: Minor in Rail Transportation

Senate proposal 31-16: New Concentration in Game Development within BS in Computer Science

Senate proposal 32-16: Minor in Leadership

Senate proposal 33-16: Shelve PhD in Engineering Physics

Senate proposal 34-16: Shelve Certificate in Hybrid Electric Drive Vehicle

Senate proposal 35-16: Amending Senate Policy 102.1: Policy on Class Attendance

Senate proposal 36-16: Academic Calendar 2017-2018 and Provisional Calendar 2018-2019



(FYI) Proposals: Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees amended policy 7.2. Residency Requirements for Graduation at their April 29th meeting to reflect the changes proposed by the Senate (Proposal 27-16).



Proposals: Responses from administration:

Approved pending Senate accepting/approving editorial changes:

Senate proposal 11-16, Amending Senate Procedure 503.1.1, Evaluation Procedure for the President

Recommendation:

- Refer the proposal to the Administrative Policy Committee

Rationale:

Permits the APC to examine the changes requested.

Other options:

- Vote to accept the changes. The new document becomes a new proposal (Bylaws I.J.11.a)
- by 2/3 vote send unedited Senate approved proposal to BoTs (Article III.E.5)



Proposals: Responses from administration:

Approved pending Senate accepting/approving editorial changes:

Senate proposal 29-16, Proposal to Formally Establish Assessment Liaisons in all Units Mandated to Participate in the Assessment Process.

Recommendation:

- Refer the proposal to the General Education & Assessment Committee

Rationale:

Permits the GE&A Committee to examine the changes requested.

Other options:

- Vote to accept the changes. The new document becomes a new proposal (Section I/J11a)
- by 2/3 vote send unedited Senate approved proposal to BoTs (Article III.E.5)



Proposals: Responses from administration:

Rejected: Senate proposal 37-16, Amendments to Final Exam Policy 602.1

Recommendation:

➤ Refer the proposal to the Academic & Instructional Policy Committee

Rationale:

Declined, in part, on the perception there wasn't enough time to have a thorough review and not on its merit. There are a few comments which the committee should determine the value of.



Issues that cropped up this summer...

- The CSA Dean evaluation committee had questions about disseminating the report.
 - Senate Procedure 502.1.1 defines the complete evaluation process
 - At issue: report dissemination not within the spring semester deadline
 - Discussion with committee chair. May 16-23.
 - Committee decided to extend the time period to review the report.
 - Committee provided feedback which will be directed to the Administrative Policy Committee

- Elections Committee selected two temporary (summer) members which Senate Executive Committee voted in and appointed to CATPR (May 23-June 10)
 - Senate elections forthcoming



Recommendations from (annual) reports/presentations

- Ralph Hodek, Chair, Sabbatical Leave Committee presented the past four years of sabbatical leave data and made several recommendations to improve collection of post-sabbatical reports. **Minutes 579.** *Referred to Research Policy Committee*
- Audrey Mayer, Chair, CATPR, presented the work accomplished over the past year and provided recommendations for improved communication and transparency. **Minutes 579.**
 - *To be referred to Administrative Policy Committee (?). Committee on Academic Tenure, Promotion, and Reappointment defined by Board of Trustees Policy 6.4.*
- Jacob Guter, Fringe Benefits Committee, presented data comparing Retirement plans and the TRIP program with Michigan & peer-institutions. **Minutes 574.** *Discussion in the benefits liaison group (BLG) about tuition reduction incentive program (TRIP).*



Other recommendations

To the ad hoc Constitution and Bylaws Committee:

- That **Article V – Officers** be changed to permit the President of that academic year to complete the same academic year.

Article V — Officers

The officers of the Senate shall be a President, Vice-President, and Secretary. Their duties shall be defined in the Bylaws. These officers shall be chosen by the continuing senators-and the senators-elect following the annual spring elections in a manner described in the Bylaws. **The officers-elect of the Senate shall assume their duties immediately after the last Senate meeting of the spring semester.**

Recommended change: The **section in red** have a date after the semester ends according to the university calendar. Because the Board of Trustees typically meets the day the semester ends (Friday) and Commencement is the next day (Saturday), a potential date to assume duties is immediately after commencement.

Rationale: The person serving as Senate president is the most informed person to give that presentation. The presentation is also a list of accomplishments of the senate that year.



Committee Activities

- Compensation Strategy Task Force
 - Temporary committee (has ceased to exist)
 - **Recommend** Finance & Institutional Planning Committee and Professional Staff Policy committee review the report and offer comments.
- Benefits Liaison Group & Sabbatical Leave Committee:
 - Senate Executive Committee recommended I recuse myself to avoid COI and strengthen FBC/BLG communication.
 - I will resign both committees and the Senate Elections Committee will find replacements.
 - **Recommend** the 1 staff and 1 faculty member of the BLG put forth by the Senate be members of the FBC.



Invited Presenters

- Michael Meyers, Director CTL (IT, AIP) Presenting 10/5
- Jean Kampe, Assoc Provost. Undergraduate Programs Assessment (Gen. Ed. & Assessment). *Update. Not scheduled yet.*
- Pushpa Murthy, Dean Grad School. Graduate Programs Assessment (Gen. Ed. & Assessment). *Update. Not scheduled yet.*
- Christopher Plummer, Chair, Academic and Instructional Policy Committee presented a report on inclusion. (Christopher is now on the Diversity Council.) **Minutes 576.** *Update. Not scheduled yet.*

Please forward suggestions to Judi or myself ASAP.



Request for reports, commentaries, action items, etc.

Board of Trustees presentation from the Senate (Presentation to BoTs by 9/28)

Reports on achievements, successes at Tech and special topics (salary, retirement, TRIP, technology in the classroom)

Career Services is doing amazing things.