

Academic Senate Leadership Report

3/27/14

Academic Senate and the Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs

- Chancellor Meyer indicated on March 14 that all Senate motions should now go to the Vice Chancellor, who has the authority to resolve them.
- The Vice Chancellor can take items to the Chancellor's Cabinet as necessary.
- Senate Leadership and the Vice Chancellor are working on producing a formal, written version of this procedure, including an appeals process and the timing and format of the Vice Chancellor's responses.

Data Conversation

- A group met on March 17 to address the data ad hoc committee's report.
 - Senate: Shawn Dry, Daniel Lawson
 - Institutional Research (IR): Nancy Showers, Mark Woods
 - Office of Curriculum and Student Learning (CSL): Marty Orlowski
 - Administration: Tom Boozer, Cathey Maze
- Takeaway points:
 - Requiring IR or CSL to present small pieces of large data sets in a 10 minute Senate window is less than ideal. The 2 hour data summit format is much better.
 - There is a means by which those members of the college who want to access raw data can do so. The procedure to do this is being clarified and will be publicized.
 - The procedure by which members of the college community who want IR or CSL to perform data gathering and analysis is being clarified and will be publicized.
 - Senate encourages that the procedure include criteria used to rank the priority of data requests.
 - Administration encourages faculty to process such requests through their discipline, department, division, Academic Senate, academic dean, etc.
 - A new curriculum process exists, through which many of the past frustrations regarding data and decisions based on data in the curriculum development and updating process will be addressed and resolved earlier in the "stream" of things.
 - The curriculum review process is still young. Concerns with the process should be addressed to Senate's curriculum review committee and CSL, who continue to revise it.
 - CSL is not opposed to "outside" data being utilized in the curriculum review process, as long as that data can be verified as coming from a valid and reliable source.
- Issue not yet addressed: competing data interpretations

MACRAO -> Michigan Transfer Agreement

- The Vice Chancellor will meet with the department chairs at their retreat on April 4 to review aspects of the new agreement.
- Academic Senate will be invited into the conversation afterwards.

Academic Senate Campus Elections -- Vice Chancellor's Position

- Faculty (8) and student (2) senators: elected as usual.
- Staff senators (2): employees whose jobs are directly involved with academics and who have the permission of their supervisor may run.
- Administration senators (2): held by the campus president and dean of campus affairs.

Academic Senate College Officer Elections -- April 24

- Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary
- Must be a 2014-2015 elected campus senator to run.
- Only 2014-2015 elected campus senators will vote.