

Faculty Senate Meeting Summary February 3, 2014

1. Reports:

ASUA – Morgan Abraham reported on positive feedback received from student groups regarding efforts to reform the student senate. March 11 & 12 are election dates. ASUA reports a “giant organic” push from students regarding Gov. Brewer’s proposal for the predictable tuition idea and will also weigh in regarding the need for state financial aid. The state-of-the-student address is scheduled for April 30. Another area of ASUA attention focuses on signage and location apps for the gender neutral bathrooms across campus.

GPSC – Iman Daryaei (vice president reporting for Zackary Brooks) will provide ABOR with a report on Thursday. GPSC is working on calling federal legislators and also open access with the library.

Vice Chair Robert Mitchell reminded Senators that nominations for officers, committee members and Senators are due February 7 and encouraged Senators to either run themselves or find others willing to serve. Right now there are only 6 nominations for college reps out of 29 available seats.

Provost Comrie reported they received positive feedback on RCM and continue to work apace; I School forum last Friday was successful and provided positive feedback for the new I School developing on campus; discussions about a possible new configuration for SBS and COH is on-going; Comrie is inviting all affected faculty to a Saturday brainstorming session in late February to continue the conversation. The goal is to encourage a conversation on how best to develop stronger units and what is the smart way to go about any such changes.

2. Grievance Policy Revisions. Discussion about the proposed changes brought up concerns about changes to the CAFT hearing process and the potential lessening of opportunity for faculty voices to be heard. A motion to table the idea was approved.

3. Guidelines for Reorganization and Mergers of Academic Units were approved by Faculty Senate. Please see the final document below.

4. Michael Brewer presented the report from the **Non-Tenure Track Task Force** with information and recommendations for action items. It was decided to revisit the document in March with the idea that Senators could share and discuss what they heard with colleagues.

5. In executive session, Faculty Senate voted on nominations for honorary degrees.