

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes 3.3.20

Attendees: Al-Ghoul, Buck, Chern, Fielder, Gayton, Goss, Hall, Harper-Brown, Kang, Kuzdale, Lynch, McNicholas, Richardson, Salahudden, Seo, Steinhaus, Watkins, Porter

Meeting called to order at 12:37.

Motion to accept February Minutes-passed with 2 abstentions

Provost-not able to attend; in Springfield with President to discuss budget

Standing Committee Reports:

1. Executive Committee-P. Steinhaus discussed meeting she attended on the university's plan for the corona virus. Emphasis right not is on prevention. CSU is working with he Chicago Department of Public Health. Asked for suggestions for the CSU plan: suggestions included more hand sanitizers and stations, contingency learning plan if CSU has to shut down, informational link on CSU website, cleanup for events in evenings/weekends (esp. in the Jacoby Dickerson Center), find out what other universities more affected are doing, have systems checked (e.g. Ventilation).

V. Goss reported on meeting with President Scott and Senate President and Vice President. They discussed accelerating capital development funds and projects. These are sent through and organization called Rebuild Illinois. President is looking to grow the faculty in tech areas, focus on adult learners, suggested the Walgreens on 95th Street might become a site for adult learners. Question was the raised about the lack of funding for such a facility. And what about the DMV facility? Has a goal of setting up a President's Advisory Council. She was satisfied with her address and V.Goss added that many faculty were pleased with the address, as well as new University artwork with illustrate our history and the new colors. V. Goss and P. Steinhaus asked about the lack of Q&A, and Pres Scott responded that such addresses usually don't have one. Faculty Question: what about shared governance? V.Goss Ans: Pres Scott supports it. Faculty Question: does the administration know how to share? Doesn't know or doesn't want to? Senator Richardson Ans: President seems open to learn about ways to communicate more with the Senate. A meeting is scheduled with BOT Chair Andrea Zopp for April.

Meeting with the Provost. Provost has started visiting programs. New CRM program will allow advisors to do everything online due to be in place by fall. Question: how to prepare for these Meetings? Strategy involves detailed meeting plans. Take advantage of the time: highlight your good things; generate questions for her. Regarding Student Success Program-asked what faculty can do to support this program. Response was not specific as plans are still being developed, but requests faculty engage to ensure the programs success.

2. Academic Affairs-M Sudeith brought a couple of things to this committee including state requirements. Committee had a discussion regarding the cut session. Recommend registration deadline in alignment with UPI contract. R. Fielder clarified that contract doesn't specify when registration should be. Discussion ensued about early or late registration. How long registration should be. Other issues raised: students who are on grants have to wait to register. R. Fielder asked how other universities handle this. M. McNicholas described U of I's process as very fluid.

Motion to consider Committee's recommendation, P Steinhaus, seconded, M. McNicholas. Motion to table: 4 yes, 10 no.

Friendly amendment to make regular registration end Wednesday, cut session Thursday, late registration starts Friday. 10 yes 5 opposed, 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

Another issue: CSU was the only institution that did not accept D grades. Committee recommends CSU accept grade of D to transfer in but not used as a prerequisite. Recommends making CSU a non-text environment for transfers in. (Tabled until next month).

Text of Committee's recommendation:

Each semester, students and faculty have concerns about the way cut session occurs, particularly with reference to the fact that registration remains ongoing. Students are still registering for courses while cut session is occurring. There is additional concern that some students have difficulty completing late registration online, which leads to students getting the "run around" as they attempt to acquire needed signatures, resulting in frustration on the part of students and faculty.

It is further strongly recommended that registration deadlines are communicated early and often in order to avoid a repeat of the spring 2020 semester when registration was abruptly ended on the Wednesday prior to the start of classes. Although it may be more palatable to shorten the length of registration in order to ensure all students register well ahead of the start of classes, based on discussions with faculty and advisers, the issue relates not just to a "culture of registering at the last minute" but to a problem with financial aid and when students are required to pay upon registration.

To address the concern of cut session occurring during regular registration, which violates the CSU/UPI contract, as well as the ability to late register online, the Academic Affairs committee has the following recommendation:

- *Regular registration will end at 5pm Wednesday the week prior to the start of the new semester. In accordance with the CSU/UPI Contract which states "courses will only be cancelled after regular registration", cut session will occur Thursday. Late registration will open online on Friday at 12pm and close on Friday at 5pm at the end of the first week of class. Students shall be able to register online from Saturday until Friday.*

3. Rules and Operations Committee-quorum was called. Motion to send committee's recommendation to having rotating Senate terms will be sent to Senators for electronic vote. April meeting will also be the meeting devoted to nominations for Senate office with elections to be held in Fall.

4. Library- R Fielder reported that this committee needs more members. Next meeting is March 5 12:30-2 in LIB.
5. Social Committee- T Hall reported they met today and reviewed by-laws. Reminded Senators about Social Committee event, "Walking for Wellness" April 20 8-9, 12:45-1:45 or 5-6
6. Buildings and Grounds-G Porter reported that the Committee met with M Holmes

P.Steinhaus requested all committees to please send any committee business and reports to Corresponding Secretary so Senators can review prior to meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Deborah Lynch, Recording Secretary