

MEETING CALL
REGULAR MEETING OF THE REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY
OF THE DAVIS DIVISION OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

Monday, October 28, 2013
2:10 – 4:00 p.m.
Student Community Center, Multi-Purpose Room
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1. Transcript of the June 7, 2013 Meeting
Motion to accept June 7th transcript
Action: Motion approved
2. Announcements by the President – None
3. Announcements by the Vice Presidents – None
4. Announcements by the Chancellor – None
5. Announcements by the Deans, Directors or other Executive Officers – None
6. Special Orders
 - a. Remarks by the Divisional Vice Chair – André Knoesen
Welcome to New Faculty
Fall Student Enrollment
Update on 2013-2014 Faculty Hiring
Academic Senate Priorities
 1. **General Education – Examination of graduate education structural, policy and funding issues**
 2. **New Budget Model – Continue monitoring implementation of the new budget model. The highest priority remains development of a graduate education funding model**
 3. **Undergraduate Program Review – Streamlining of the Undergraduate Program Review Process is underway. Inclusion of an external reviewer effective 2013-2014 will be accomplished by incorporation of Review Teams in the existing Cluster 7 reviews**
 4. **Advising – Academic – Examination of the role of faculty in the academic advising process**
 5. **Course Review Process Streamlining – The Division recommended changes to the course approval process necessary to streamline review. The course review system managed by the Registrar's Office is being replaced creating an opportunity for the identification of software to facilitate streamlining measures**
 6. **WASC Site Visit – WASC is scheduled to visit UC Davis spring 2014. The Division must make progress on a number of initiatives before the spring visit**
 7. **General Education Assessment – Develop a process for assessment of the general education requirement**

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8. **Recognition of innovation and achievement in teaching – A small workgroup has been asked to review and recommend strategies to highlight innovation and achievement in teaching through the current merit and promotion processes**
 9. **Academic Organization – Working with the Joint Senate/Administration Academic Organization Task Force examine the academic organizational structure**
- b. Remarks by ASUCD President – Carly Sandstrom
- ASUCD manages an \$11.8 million budget, mainly a student run organization that provides various services on campus including the Bike Barn, Coffee House, etc.
 - Student association concerns
 - Renovations to MU
 - Program review of 24 units
 - Held student forum with President Napolitano to determine what students needs/concerns were
 - Napolitano agreed to quarterly meetings with all AS Presidents across system
 - Office is looking into Blue Ribbon Committee Report created by over 100 faculty, staff, and students
 - Mental Health
 - Orientation
 - Advising
 - First Year Experience
 - Created student advisory committee to look at various mental health issues
 - Better outreach for CAPS
 - Orientation
 - More Aggie Pride
 - Happiness Class
 - Passionate about getting Aggie Pride to campus, re-publicizing Aggie Pride Fridays
 - Many new hiring's in student affairs
 - Looking to partner with CA endowment
 - Picnic day event for ASUCD alumni
 - Trying to collect more data on how to enhance student experience
 - Jobs initiative:

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- How to get more jobs on campus and life after college (ICC and Cal Aggie Association)
 - Nov 21 12 – 4 pm campus job event
 - Noticed that you are focusing on advising
 - Senate candidate is looking to have Faculty Mentors around campus
 - Mentors are available, but students don't always reach out to them
 - Suggestion: change culture to encourage more students to reach out for the faculty mentor relationships.
 - Budgets/financial aid: Looking at how Calfresh can be incorporated into financial aid package making it easier for the student to enroll
 - Freedom of Expression policy
 - Students have had input on the new policy being developed
 - Negative feedback on freedom of expression:
 - "Time, Place, and Manner"
 - regulation vs. promotion of freedom of expression
 - complicated issue
 - finding boundary and putting a policy for that
 - limiting vs. having the freedom
- c. Remarks by GSA Chair – Juan Miranda
- Freedom of expression:
 - To add to the "Time, Place, and Manner Regulation" previously addressed by Carly Sandstrom:
 1. "The University, as an educational institution, has various core goals and interests, the protection and promotion of which are essential to its effective functioning. They include: (1) the opportunity of all members of the University community to attain their educational objectives; (2) the generation and maintenance of an appropriate intellectual and educational atmosphere throughout the University community; and (3) the protection of the health, safety, welfare, property, and civil and human rights of all members of the University community, and the safety and property interests of the University. Although endorsing freedom of expression, this policy does not relieve the University from its obligations to protect the right of students, staff, and

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faculty to learn, live, and work in an environment free from unlawful harassment and intimidation.”

2. The following seems to only apply to students and we forget that students don't have a say when university structure takes place, which can lead to disruption to the campus during protests.
 - “Public spaces, including sidewalks, lobbies, courtyards, hallways, and other paths, thoroughfares, and open areas must be maintained to permit orderly and safe access and travel for pedestrians, and, where appropriate, bicycles and other vehicles.”
 - “No person on University property or at official University functions may: Engage in the production of excessive sound or noise that significantly disrupts campus activities;”
 - Meeting with President Napolitano
 - Faculty supported graduate students
 - Protestors were concerned for undocumented students
 - A suggestion to protestors is to change the message in order for it to be more effective.
 - IGPS is looking to hire a coordinator
 - Interdisciplinary Graduate and Professional Symposium (IGPS) is a conference where grad students present their work. It is usually held in April.
 - GSA met with Chief of Police
 - Chief of police started an Initiative to give lights to students
 - GSA will be meeting regularly with the Chief of Police to address concerns from graduate and undergraduate students
 - They have already responded to some of their concerns. They put signs on campus, where there were no signs before, letting motorized vehicles know they should use other routes rather than entering campus in restricted zones.
 - Previous GSA member feared closure of Environmental College
 - If the Experimental College is closing is there a way to prevent it from happening
 - GSA is hiring a new Office Assistant.
- d. Annual Report of the Committee on Academic Personnel:
- i. Oversight Committee – Trish Berger [Not able to attend](#)

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- e. Annual Report of the Committee on Academic Personnel:
 - i. Appellate Committee – Dennis Styne

Motion: To accept Annual Report of the Committee on Academic Personnel Appellate Committee.

Action: Motion passed

Annual Reports on Consent Calendar:

- f. *Annual Report of the Committee on Academic Freedom and Responsibility
- g. *Annual Report of the Committee on Admissions and Enrollment
- h. *Annual Report of the Committee on Affirmative Action and Diversity
- i. *Annual Report of the Committee on Courses of Instruction
- j. *Annual Report of the Committee on Distinguished Teaching Awards
- k. *Annual Report of the Committee on Elections, Rules and Jurisdiction
- l. *Annual Report of the Emeriti Committee
- m. *Annual Report of the Faculty Research Lecture Award Committee
- n. *Annual Report of the Committee on Faculty Welfare
- o. *Annual Report of the Grade Changes Committee
- p. *Annual Report of the Graduate Council
- q. *Annual Report of the Committee on Information Technology
- r. *Annual Report of the Committee on International Education
- s. *Annual Report of the Joint Academic Federation/Senate Personnel
- t. *Annual Report of the Library Committee
- u. *Annual Report of the Committee on Planning and Budget
- v. *Annual Report of the Committee on Privilege and Tenure
- w. *Annual Report of the Committee on Public Service
- x. *Annual Report of the Committee on Research
- y. *Annual Report of the Undergraduate Council
 - i. Annual Report of the Subcommittee on General Education
 - ii. Annual Report of the Subcommittee on Preparatory Education
 - iii. Annual Report of the Subcommittee on Special Academic Programs
 - iv. Annual Report of the Subcommittee on Undergraduate Instruction and Program Review
- z. *Annual Report of the Committee on Undergraduate Scholarships, Honors and Prizes

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7. Reports of standing committees
 - a. Faculty Welfare – Lori Lubin
 - New health care changes
 - Recommendation to look at plans (UC Care), they have been changing prior to open enrollment
 - Town Hall Meeting
 - There is an issue concerning the availability of physicians locally if access to Sutter Davis physicians is lost
 - Concerns about access and plans have been expressed
 - Timescale for addressing these issues may be extended
8. Petitions of Students
9. Unfinished Business
10. University and Faculty Welfare
11. New Business
12. Informational Item
 - a. Committee on Courses of Instruction – Course Evaluation Policy (Effective Winter 2014)

Discussion: The proposed Course Evaluation Policy does not require evaluations of courses with five or fewer students due to concerns about inability to preserve students' anonymity. There were questions from the floor about this aspect of the policy, and it was suggested that the policy might result in many graduate courses not being evaluated. However, it was also pointed out that the policy, as written, does not preclude administering student evaluations of these courses; it just says they are not required. The Committee on Courses of Instruction is going to revisit the policy.

Meeting Adjourned

Abigail Thompson, Secretary
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