

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

Wednesday, June 1, 2016

2:10 – 4:00 p.m.

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1. Approval of the February 25, 2016 Meeting Summary

Motion seconded and approved.

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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 Academic Federation Chair – John Hess

- Step plus first phase this year. Next year phase 2 is scheduled to be implemented but want to review phase one results before Federation vote on the issue
- Appreciative of more AF inclusion in campus discussion and policy and looking forward to more advancement in this area.

b. Remarks by the Academic Senate Chair – André Knoesen

- Four Year Degree Completion Initiative (FYCI) update – identifies the most important factors challenging an undergraduate student's ability to complete a degree in four years. During Spring Academic Senate asked College Deans to identify three to four majors through which to study one time-to-degree factor—course availability—and then to obtain from the faculty answers to two questions: 1) By considering the intra- and cross-departmental dependencies that impact critical curricular paths, identify the specific required courses that are impeding four-year graduation for students entering as freshmen in your major. 2) By considering the intra- and cross-departmental dependencies that impact critical curricular paths, identify the specific required courses that are impeding four-year graduation for students entering as transfers in your major (refer to attached report). During Spring the Deans assistance has been asked to determine specific courses impeding four year degree completion in their largest majors, and that information will go to Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs.
- Integrated Course Management System (ICMS) – After many delays, the system is going live in June. The ICMS team and the Committee on Courses of Instruction will establish a series of "Office Hour" meetings to help anyone with course related questions.
- Prerequisites – The rollout plan and information will be distributed in the fall.
- Degree works – Software being looked at so students and advisors can more easily make decisions.
- Transfer Pathways – The program has already been launched with 21 pathways identified for some of the most popular majors. Looking for additional majors to adopt existing Pathways.
- Students with Academic Difficulty – This is another difficult issue that will take 2-3 years to work through, but there is strong buy-in from faculty. One consideration is socioeconomic issues.

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- Faculty Pay Increases – Last year UC Davis gave an additional 1.5% as a pay increase to faculty. Provost Hexter made a commitment that the campus will allocate another 1.5%. UC Davis is the only campus doing this.
- SmartSite - There has been recovery, and Canvas is coming soon.
- Professor of Teaching Proposal was rejected by the Academic Senate. See the RFC responses posted on AS website. GE Domestic Diversity (DD) Project – All GE domestic diversity courses are now being reviewed. A summer work group will focus on current Domestic Diversity courses. The Academic Senate has contacted all faculty instructors of DD courses to review the regulation and certify that they meet requirements, or acknowledge the class is not up to standards and that they will modify the course to meet the literacy or opt out of that literacy. The hope is to encourage more DD courses. The workgroup will work with the programs directly and draft a final report by the end of August (see attached report)
- Cyber Security – Committee on Information Technology (CIT) Chair Matt Bishop reported on a monitoring system. The monitoring system is outside of the UC Davis network. The system doesn't read encryption so it can't go into our campus email system and read email. There is a high level of administrative control through the vendor and UCOP.
- Chair Bishop and the CIT committee are working with Chief Information Security Officer, Cheryl Washington per the Office of the President.

7. Unfinished Business

8. Reports of standing committees

- a. Committee on Academic Personnel – Debra Long
(see agenda attachment CAP Proposal Step-Plus Clarification and Revision to Senate)

9. Petitions of Students - none

10. University and Faculty Welfare - none

11. New Business

- Laboratory Renovation - an ongoing, enormous problem for years. CFO worked with the Academic Senate for plans and completion dates, which will be tracked and updated regularly with an annual report to the Academic Senate. Linda Bisson spoke on this item and noted planning will cut costs dramatically.
- Thank You - André thanked the Senate for support during his time as chair. Rachael moved to adopt a resolution of thanks to André.

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