

TO: The Senate
FROM: Executive Committee
DATE: 29 October 2015
SUBJ: Items under Consideration by Senate Committees and Subcommittees

The Executive Committee has asked Senate committee and subcommittee chairs to report items under discussion in the various committees. The following is a compilation of what was submitted.

Educational Policy Committee

Jane Leatherman, Chair

1. Review of calculation of distinction and highest distinction. Currently it is GPA and percentage calculation within colleges. Should it be changed to only GPA?
2. Academic Honesty. The Student Code was updated several years ago; however, it appears the academic regulation was not updated at the same time. The documents need to be consistent.
3. New course approval and new program approval internal process reviewed.
4. Course grade replacement when a course is no longer offered.

Subcommittees of the Educational Policy Committee:

Calendar Subcommittee

Jody Ross, Chair

1. The Calendar Subcommittee approved the 2018-19 academic calendar.

Continuing Education Advisory Subcommittee

No chair elected at this time

1. No reports at this time.

Curriculum Review Subcommittee

David Liu, Chair

1. The subcommittee reviewed a proposal for a Business Sales Certificate and requested answers for several questions.
2. The subcommittee reviewed a proposal for a Bachelor of Applied Science proposal from Continuing Studies. The proposal was approved after several revisions.

General Education Subcommittee

Andrew Downs, Chair

1. The General Education Subcommittee (GES) met earlier this semester to affirm the due dates for this year. The GES also discussed feedback to departments and faculty regarding general education course assessments. Finally, the GES discussed data collection that will aid in an analysis of the effects of the new state-mandated general education program at IPFW.
2. Information regarding the general education program still can be found in the General Education Document and Information System (GEDIS) in vibe.

Graduate Subcommittee

David Cochran, Chair

1. No reports at this time.

Honors Program Council

Suzanne LaVere, Chair

1. The council continues to review honors scholarship applications, and is also working on determining learning outcomes for the program as well as a new assessment policy.

International Education Advisory Subcommittee

Jens Clegg, Chair

1. The issue of filling the one open ex officio position from CASA has yet to be resolved. We are still waiting for Vice Chancellor McClellan to assign someone to attend this meeting.
2. The subcommittee is still one member short since Ahmadrez Hedayat, who was elected to the committee, is no longer at IPFW. We need the Senate nominations and elections committee to assign a new member.
3. I would like to propose a revision to the academic regulations pertaining to English language placement testing for international students. We had a lengthy discussion about how best to edit the document for submission to the Senate Curriculum Subcommittee. Brian will work on it and then bring it back to us.
4. Office of International Education USAP year II.
5. International student recruitment and retention.

Faculty Affairs Committee

Cigdem Gurgur, Chair

1. Examining a plan (collaboratively with Budgetary Affairs Subcommittee) to include continuing lecturers currently funded by DCS in the general fund budget for the 2016-2017 academic year.

Professional Development Subcommittee

Andrew Downs, Chair

1. The Professional Development Subcommittee (PDS) has begun to review summer grant proposals. It is anticipated that the recommendations for funding will be forwarded to the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (VCAA) through the Office of Research, Engagement, and Sponsored Programs (ORESP) immediately before the Thanksgiving break. After PDS has made its recommendations regarding summer grants, it will review the sabbatical requests. It is anticipated that PDS will make recommendations to the VCAA regarding sabbaticals before the end of the fall semester.
2. During the spring semester, the PDS will be providing feedback to those summer grant applicants who request it.
3. PDS is working with the Institute of Research, Scholarship, and Creative Endeavors (IRSC) on proposal procedures for the various opportunities IRSC will have to offer.

Indiana University Committee on Institutional Affairs

Janet Badia, Chair

1. The IU CIA currently has no items under consideration.

Nominations and Elections Committee

Lesa Vartanian, Chair

1. No reports at this time.

Purdue University Committee on Institutional Affairs

Mark Masters, Chair

1. The committee on institutional affairs has no documents under consideration.

Student Affairs Committee

No chair elected at this time

1. No reports at this time.

Subcommittee of the Student Affairs Committee

Athletics, Subcommittee on

Robert Vandell, Chair

1. No report received.

University Resources Policy Committee

Shannon Bischoff, Chair

1. The committee is working on an amendment to SD 14-27 which clarifies term limits.
2. The committee delegated the Division of Continuing Studies Resolution to the Budgetary Affairs Committee.

Subcommittees of the University Resources Policy Committee:

Academic Computing and Information Technology Advisory Subcommittee

Andres Montenegro, Chair

1. ACITAS has discussed and resolved to continue providing inputs to the LMS system performance, and be informed about possible future changes or migrations.
2. ACITAS resolved to provide thorough assessment to the university computing resources, and how those will serve for the missions of academics and professional development.
3. ACITAS will integrate and articulate with CELT, resources on campus to the production area of high quality instructional videos.
4. ACITAS has received from IT services the notice of inventory of computing resources. Also ACITAS will discuss the results of the inventory in terms of software satisfaction campus wide.

Budgetary Affairs Subcommittee

Jeffrey Malanson, Chair

1. Budgetary Affairs Subcommittee appointed three replacement members.
2. Compiling data for a report under the terms of SD 01-08
3. Looking into the DCS budgeting model.

Library Subcommittee

Suzanne LaVere, Chair

1. The subcommittee voted to make Zhongming (Wilson) Liang a replacement member; this was approved by Senate at the October meeting. In addition, the subcommittee is working with library staff to organize workshops on publishing which will include topics such as predatory journals and emerging trends; the workshop will be held Thursday, November 19 from 3-4 PM in Library 440A and repeated Friday, November 20 from 10-11AM in the same room.