

Governance, Communications and Recruitment (GoCore) Committee Meeting of Faculty Senate

January 28, 2020
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM
Rm 2312G D.H. Hill Library

Minutes

Attendees: Dave Aspnes, Natalie Cooke (Co-Chair), Maria Collins, Chad Jordan, Barbara Kirby (Co-Chair), Andrey Kuznetsov, and Troy Pinkins

Absent: Chris Ashwell and David Fitzpatrick

Discussion: Update on student practicum groups

The committee discussed the progress of the student practicum groups and determined the following:

- Student groups had a meeting with Hans in which he gave the history of the Senate so they can understand the mission of Faculty Senate and how to focus their semester work.
- Troy attended the COM 529 class last week, along with other community partners and companies.
- Troy will meet with undergrad team for every Wednesday for 30 minutes.
- Troy will meet with the grad team for every Thursday for 30 minutes.
- At these meetings Troy will go through timeline and discuss deliverables.
- The students would like to conduct focus groups on Feb 11 during committee meetings. They plan to have two teams (2 grads, 1 undergrad in teach team). They will need 30 minutes of meeting time for all committees. They plan to record the focus groups and then analyze the data from these focus groups. This is one of the deliverables for the courses.
- Students will then design a paper survey and Qualtrics-based survey based on the feedback from focus groups that will be shared in a future Faculty Senate meeting. It should take no more than 5 minutes to complete.
- Based on that feedback, they hope to send a survey to all faculty, perhaps as a link in the Provost's newsletter. If so, we will need to inform Senators of this survey and have them encourage their college to take the survey.
- Troy is connecting students with Brad Bohlander (Associate Vice Chancellor of University Communications) so students can determine communication directors for each college and encourage these communication directors to come to a Faculty Senate meeting and meet senators for their college. The hope is that this will build connection with senators and college communications.
- One of the student teams is looking at the Faculty Senate bylaws to explore the role of the Senators with regard to communication.
- If student teams craft a survey to share with the whole faculty, we may be able to promote the survey during the March 17 general meeting.

- Natalie will e-mail co-chairs of committees to see if we can schedule focus groups for Feb 11.
- Students to give focus group questions to Troy in advance of Feb 11, and Troy will send to Barbara and Natalie to review, then whole committee will review.
- Students will present survey questions to our committee on Feb 25.
- Barbara will connect the students with Nancy Welchel for help with survey items and administration of survey.

Discussion: Election process with lead senators

- Given that election time is fast approaching, GoCore members will reach out to lead senators to ask for nominations, following the process established for each college.
- Barbara to follow-up with the Chair to determine the process for calling for Senator elections. GoCore members may need to follow-up with lead Senators to determine progress on getting nominations and to provide encouragement and support.

Next Meeting: February 11, 2020 2:30 PM – 4:30 PM, Rm 2312G D.H. Hill Library