

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

March 16, 2021

3:00 PM-5:00PM

Attendees: Maria Collins (Co-Chair), Burak Erdim, Meagan Kittle Autry, Barbara Kirby (Co-Chair), Andrey Kuznetsov, Troy Pinkins,

Absent: Chad Jordan, Joan Nicholas-Walker

Action items

1. Maria will send the incoming Chair ideas discussed about the orientation to facilitate discussion at the next 3/30 meeting.
2. Barbara will send out Lead Senator description to ask for feedback on any changes or modifications.
3. Maria will follow up with the Libraries IT department about equipment needed to update the Faculty Senate room in order to facilitate virtual meetings from that room.

Discussion

1. Elections

The committee briefly discussed the remaining elections and whether or not additional recruitment was needed. The Athletics Council has enough candidates, but there are still no candidates for the Associate Chair. The later would be the responsibility of the incoming Chair. GoCore's recruitment efforts for elections is complete.

2. Orientation

The committee discussed what would need to happen to present the idea of an orientation in the Fall to the incoming Chair. Getting the incoming Chair's response would help the committee to determine next actions to take. Questions that remain include who would develop the training, how would it be delivered, and when it would be delivered. The committee recommends building out a phased approach to the orientation over the summer with Joni taking the lead and including the Chair and the Associate Chair. The approach to building out an orientation should be incremental with elements added each year. The committee also noted the need to take a closer look at the bylaws to ensure consistency.

The committee discussed areas of improvement for the Senate that might be addressed in the orientation including better defining a workflow for handling issues of concern, improved advocacy for faculty, and discussion of the Chair's agenda for the year in terms of what they would like to accomplish.

3. Additional communication guidelines for Lead Senators

As the lead senator role is developed, what additional support is needed? The committee talked about reviewing the lead senator description to see if any additions or changes should be made. The committee will review and provide feedback to Barbara.

When reporting about Faculty Senate meetings to the college, Lead Senators can wait until the official minutes are approved, or they can take brief notes during the meetings to share beforehand.

Lead Senators should work with their colleges to explore communication channels such as faculty lists, faculty meetings, or communication and marketing teams that work with the Deans.

4. Technology update for the Faculty Senate room.

The committee is still interested in pushing forward a proposal to upgrade the technology in the Faculty Senate room to increase flexibility for how meetings can be held in the fall. Maria will work with the Libraries IT department to determine needs for the room. The Libraries are willing to provide support.