

Minutes of the Administrative and Professional Faculty Senate: April 8, 2013

Senators in attendance: Ashlee Claud, Alice Coughlin, Tolga Durak, Ed Oakes, Beth Deskins, Brent Chumbley, James Harman, Matt Haga, Laura Noll, Donna Spradlin

Senators unable to attend: Elizabeth McCormick, Robyn Porterfield, James Harman, Stephanie Jennelle, Jeff Orzolek, Robbie Davis

Visitors: Jaime Hunt, Deneen Evans, Brooke Chang, Tom Cruise

March's minutes were approved.

1. Presentation by Deneen Evans, Brooke Chang and Jaime Hunt from the Social Equity and Diversity Committee.
 - a. The group presented a recommended definition of Diversity for the University to follow
 - b. Discussed 5 proposed goals of the committee
 - i. Develop and sustain a shared understanding of diversity
 - ii. Recruit, retain and graduate a more diverse student body
 - iii. Recruit and maintain a more diverse university
 - iv. Develop curriculum that encourages critical thinking through exposure to and understanding of multiple cultural perspectives
 - v. Create university culture that values and appreciates diversity and inclusion
 - c. Shared their next steps including a Fall Diversity reception in 2014
 - d. Encouraged all AP to send feedback to Deneen or another member of the committee
2. AP evaluation sub-committee report:
 - a. Went over several examples of different evaluation forms and decided the evaluation form used at James Madison University most closely suited our needs and we would edit and evaluate that form and work from there
3. Handbook revision report:
 - a. The handbook has been edited for grammar, spelling, spacing etc. There were some questions that came up out of that revision. The sub-committee will meet to answer these questions in hopes of a final revision.
4. Internal Governance Taskforce Update: The most important tasks on hand now are to give clear justifications, purpose and purview of the AP and staff senates. Also, to agree on a final IG structure so a summer writing team can put the final documents together.
5. AP Senate Elections:
 - a. Elections will be held on-line during April 15-19
 - b. You may only vote for a senator in your division
 - c. There are contested elections in Academic Affairs and Student Affairs
 - d. We will vote on the recommendation from President Kyle to re-elect Ed Oakes as the Cabinet Liaison at the next business meeting as well as have AP Senate officer elections.
6. AP Senate Mission Statement Discussion: Beth Deskins encouraged everyone to give her key words or phrases that would be good to include in a revised AP Senate mission statement. The senate made comments and gave feedback about the current statement listed on the "About Us" page on the AP Senate website.

Next meeting will be May 6 at 10 AM (Senate officers will meet separately at 9:30) in the Bonnie Combo Room.

Meeting adjourned.