

Faculty Senate Chair's Report

2024-04-19 Faculty Senate Meeting

A moment of silence in memory of Gloria YoungSing

Current and Ongoing Items:

Issues Facing Committees:

- FRRC A faculty forum has been announced to discuss the CUTE survey results, with April 23rd as date. For more on the CUTE survey report offered by Allison BrckaLorenz from Indiana University at the last FS meeting, see the FS website in the "Meetings" tab, where you can find the slides she used. FRRC will be sending around the raw data of the CUTE survey with the qualitative comments removed in anticipation of the forum. Thanks to Youngjoo Kim and the rest of FRRC for holding this forum.
- Nominations and Elections will release the ballot for elections and faculty of academic rank will be given two weeks to vote, so keep an eye out in your inboxes for that. Thanks to Mohamed Kahlefa, Erik Benau, and Marty Cooper for their work on the ballot this semester.
- TLRC: Is holding interviews of faculty interested in the part-time position as director of the new Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning (CETL). We have interest from excellent candidates but are still working out the final details. Thanks to TLRC chair Yogesh More for his continued work on this!

Other Issues:

- Faculty Handbook: We are now waiting on the provost's office to send us a revised version of the faculty handbook based on the feedback we have collected from ARPT, FRRC, BWG, and the chairs of TLRC and PRODIG. Once that draft comes our way, the EC will check it against the recommendations and advocate for any recommendations we thought were missed. We're anticipating a Fall vote on the handbook.
- Policy on Shared Governance & Consultation: On March 21, President Sams sent out a "Policy on Shared Governance and Consultation." This policy was first introduced to the EC in the 2022-2023 Academic Year and arose out of a broader effort to put all policies of the university digitized online, which was a recommendation from Middle States in our last accreditation review.

Now, we are at a stage where we are asking everyone for their input. I ask that you all encourage your constituencies to read through the policy on shared governance and consultation and submit your feedback through the google forms link provided in the March 21 email. The deadline for feedback is **April 26th**.

- The Policy Repository is being created to upload all old policies online. The EC has expressed concerns about the potential for existing policies to conflict with dominant practice on certain issues across campus. For that reason, we are advocating for and have received a commitment for the creation of a **Policy Review Team** that can look over policies that get uploaded to the repository, identify those policies that conflict with practices, and help to socialize them before they go into effect. Currently, Runi Mukherji is the only person serving on the PRT. Thanks to Runi for your hard work on this! **If you or anyone you know might be interested in serving on the PRT, please let me know.**
- The President will hold a listening session on the Chief Diversity Officer search during common hour on Wednesday, May 1st. Stay tuned for more information.
- Student Satisfaction Survey has been sent out to students. We are currently significantly short of the target of 522 participants. Please implore your students to fill out the student satisfaction survey.