

PURDUE FACULTY SENATE

Alberto J. Rodriguez, Chair

Remarks #6-Board of Trustees Meeting – April 6th, 2018

I. UPCOMING RESOLUTIONS FOR THE APRIL 2018 SENATE MEETING

- a. Equity and Diversity Committee: Statement of Support for Survivors of Sexual Harassment or Abuse (Senate Document 17-12-attached).
 - a.1. Related work in progress: Faculty Affairs Committee reviewing university policies designed to protect faculty from social media harassment. Will provide recommendations.
- b. Education Policy Committee: Winter Session Pilot Proposal (Senate Document 17-13-attached).

II. FOLLOW UP ON KAPLAN ENTITY:

- The Purdue Northwest Senate passed a resolution opposing the Purdue-Kaplan deal with unanimous vote (see attached)
- College of Liberal Arts Senate-Purdue WL--passed a unanimous resolution supporting the University Senate's efforts: "The College of Liberal Arts Faculty Senate supports the efforts of the University Senate to increase dialog regarding the Kaplan deal."
- The University Senate Special Committee on the Kaplan Entity has a new Co-Chair, Stephen Beaudoin, and this committee will provide updates at every senate meeting.
- The University Senate will continue to monitor progress on the PUG initiative and will continue to press for answers to our concerns.
- A primary faculty concern is: When will the university administration facilitate conversations with faculty regarding the potential impact of similar PUG courses/programs on existing (and in development) courses/programs offered by Purdue WL and the regional campuses?

III. COMPREHENSIVE UNIVERSITY CLIMATE SURVEY

- I chaired a sub-committee of the Equity Diversity Committee with wide campus representation
- Reviewed current surveys from various universities (e.g. University of Michigan), as well as review services provided by survey managing companies.
- Unfortunately, a climate survey was not possible to implement this year.
- Provost Akridge is committed to continue working on a comprehensive climate survey in collaboration with the Senate in the fall and hope to have it roll out in the Spring 2019.

IV. FOLLOW UP ON POTENTIAL BIG TEN INITIATIVE AGAINST ACADEMIC PUBLISHING MONOPOLIES

- Not much traction with the University Library Committee.
- Met with Interim Dean Rhonda Phillips, Alan Friedman, Chair University Resources Policy Committee, and Libraries Staff:
 - Senate already passed a resolution, introduced by the University Resource Policy Committee, requesting more detailed information from publishers on database usage for the last completed database subscription period, including frequency data showing the number of times individual articles are downloaded for each journal in the database, etc. **Goal is to get a better sense of costs/usage and explore potential alternatives and their impact.**
 - Dean Phillips is interested in submitting a proposal to gather information on comparative costs/journals/publishing house/across the Big10 **to explore whether fair or inflated pricing exist across and within publishing houses.**
 - Dean Phillips will also assist in convening a forum at the Big10 Headquarters in Chicago early in the fall with a focus on ***Developing Strategies to Address Academic Publishing Issues.***

V. PARTING THOUGHTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

- Carefully Review the current COACHE survey findings on climate and shared governance
- Work toward improving ties with faculty.
- Support the implementation of a campus wide climate survey in the Spring 2019, as well as the much needed follow up work that will have to be undertaken to enhance the university climate.
- Avoid any more “surprises” and work closely with the University Senate before undertaking major decisions that could significantly impact the Purdue Community.