

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Senate Chair Report

April 5, 2019

SENATE MEETING: FEBRUARY 18, 2019

- Parental Leave Policy for Students – passed
- Faculty voiced concerns about Purdue’s OWL / Chegg, Inc., particularly with regards to assignment and quiz answers appearing on the Chegg website.
- Chair Carroll presented Chancellor Vandenberg’s results of the Purdue Global faculty Engagement survey and noted that the Senate opened a survey to get feedback on student civics knowledge aimed at the question: “Should Purdue students be required to show competency in civics?”

CIVICS SURVEY

Number of responses: 2,038 at close, 3/15/19

Undergraduate students, 1081	
Graduate students, 190	Administrators, 26
Faculty, 318	Alumni, 93
Staff members, 264	Other, 45

- The Senate's Educational Policy and Student Affairs Committees are looking at the data with help from:
 - Professor Phil Vanfossen, James F. Ackerman professor of Social Studies, Curriculum and Instruction (Likert questions)
 - Professor Robin Adams, Professor Engineering Education (Open ended questions)
- The Steering Committee will propose an ad Hoc committee look at how this requirement would be met (over the summer)

TOWN HALL MEETING ON CIVICS

- Professor Frank Dooley, Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning – presented an overview delegated faculty powers (from the Board), degree requirements, and certificate programs.
- Professor Jonathan Neal, Chair, Univ. Resource Policy Committee and incoming Univ. Core Curriculum chair – discussed the human cultures core curriculum outcomes that might apply.
- Professor Robert Browning, Political Science, Director of Center for C-SPAN Scholarship & Engagement – discussed concerns he has heard and stated that the Center could create a short, non-credit course, using C-SPAN video to educate students. Noted they teach American Government.
- Professor April Ginther, English, Director of the Oral English Proficiency program and the Purdue Language and Cultural Exchange – discussed naturalization test and concerns that evaluators have with the reliability of the naturalization test.
- Purdue Student Government – Olivia Keller, Vice Chair, PSG – asked that we keep the students in mind and, perhaps, focus on upper level students.
- Available on the University Senate website, www.purdue.edu/senate/calendar, scroll down to Friday, March 1, 2019 and choose “Recording.” These presentations run from the 18:51 minute mark through about 50 minutes.

SENATE MEETING: MARCH 18, 2019

- Elected: Professor Deborah Nichols as Vice-Chair, beginning June 1, 2019. She will automatically become Senate Chair on June 1, 2020.
- For Discussion:
 - Merging of faculty committees to improve oversight and coordination: Visual Arts and Architectural and Landscape Design and Planning Committee

APRIL 15, 2019

- The last Senate Meeting of the Academic Year
- For Action (vote):
 - Committee merger (introduce in March)
 - AY 19-20 Standing Committee members, and Grade Appeals Com. Members.
- For Discussion:
 - Introducing Bylaw Changes (re: number of nominees required and notice that the Nominating Committee will assign Senators to committees if needed.
 - Establishment of a Committee on Civics Literacy.
 - Update from Peter Goldsbrough, Chair of the Univ. Senate Faculty Compensation and Benefits Committee.

THANK YOU

- I really enjoyed getting to know you and the opportunity to work with you.
- I greatly appreciate all of Janice's assistance throughout the year.
- It has been my great pleasure to see how much expertise you share in guiding a multi-billion \$ entity and all the time you give voluntarily to this effort. Your efforts assure a strong future at Purdue – for the students, faculty, and all the staff.
- Thank You!

QUESTIONS?