

April 26, 2019 Senate Meeting Minutes

David W, Hong, Dan, Yang, Dian, Jennie, Olivia, Peggy,
Maggie, Charm, JKR, Dawn, Kelly, Maddie

1. Dean's Report

- a. Social Justice Day -- FANTASTIC! We really shone!
- b. Dean's Lecture for Monday. Be there. This affects our programs, and not just teacher ed.
- c. CoE Centennial next year. We should make this a very public event. We want to draw in folks from outside in addition to featuring our own people.

Dan asked about teaching obligations during Kirwin Lecture. He'll be speaking from 4:45-5:50. We should try to be there. Jennifer and Lawrence Clark will be onstage with Kirwin.

Maggie asked about showcasing grad student work at the Centennial. JKR says the GSO might want to get involved. Visuals in the lobby. Banners outside the building. We don't get to do much in the way of planning specific events. We should use branding we're creating to highlight those events. We'll have a master calendar. Jennie asked if there's a theme. JKR not sure. Andrea is the clearinghouse for all ideas. Branding ideas go to Audrey. Rachel in the Advancement Office is handling things there. Collaborative effort. Lots of opportunity.

d. Strategic Planning report: research & funding, visibility & reputation, programs
Things are all moving ahead positively in all categories. Hiring a recruiter to help with bolstering numbers. JKR hopes our rankings, which stayed fairly level, will rise next year. Programs rankings are based entirely on reputation. Complex story, but we're working on it steadily. Our work is being recognized across the country.

E. Summer Leadership Retreat. JKR asked Maggie (incoming chair) for input on strategic strategies priorities. We've heard from the Campus that there are some discrepancies among things that are labeled programs when they're not, etc. JKR would like Senate to take up the cause of having syllabi available for students to see. There's an opportunity to post them on Testudo. JKR suggests that 1) faculty don't care, and it becomes public; 2) post them as is, with copyright; or 3) submit one-pager, kind of abbreviated version. She is not sure which way is best, but we need to have the conversation. Outside organizations and stakeholders (internal and external) need to have access to our programs so we look like we have our act together. Maggie reminds us there's no cohesive, college-wide way of adding/amending material on our website content. Different departments do things differently. JKR says it will be a priority this year.

F. THANK YOU TO DAN FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE SENATE, at this, his closing meeting.

2. Amendments to Plan of Organization--**Electronic Vote Coming**

Dan reported that the vote will be coming out early next week. Should be rubber-stamped.

3. Assembly Agenda for May 3, 11-1 and Awards

Dan will open the assembly and introduce JKR. He will report from the Senate for 5 minutes or so, including accomplishments and committee priorities and future plans. Audrey will be writing a script for it, keeping it brief. Maggie asked for a moment to plug for joining Senate. Peggy asked about any retirees or deceased who need to be mentioned. JKR will ask the chairs for names of anyone who should be mentioned.

4. Next year Senate membership: **Call for nominations** for Chair-elect, at-large faculty senator, exempt and non-exempt staff, and students coming out. Several positions are open, and Dan will be arm-twisting. He asked us all to submit nominations. Staff and student positions need to be filled. _____ asked that more information be sent to students about the job, the work, the nomination process. We can also ask Janis and Judy about how this is/should be done. Dan was especially concerned about the chair-elect position, especially as regards the PTK faculty.

5. New business

- a. Gender neutral bathrooms? We brought it up at steering committee, but have had no real discussion yet. JKR shared some updates on space in general. Better than we thought it would be. Renovations will start in 2022! We will need to be out of the building during remodel. She suggests that the gender-neutral bathroom will be part of the full remodel planning. Dan says we should take what small steps are necessary to create one now before the renovations start in 3 years. JKR says she agrees and will talk to Hakim about what that would entail.

6. Committee Meetings: Wrap-up and future plans--Create a document in Folder--Three things you want to see happen next year.

We then broke into committee meetings at 10:05. Dan will forward Jill's suggestions to David for that conversation. Olivia moved that we adjourn, Dian seconded it, and it was approved.