Minutes: April 17, 2019
Whirlpool Room, Chan Shun Hall
6:00-8:00 pm
K. Hall, Chair;
K. Bailey, Recording Secretary


Votes & Actions taken (numbers [n] represent items on original agenda)


[4] Committee Reports (R. Wells)

Undergraduate Council (2/4)—Draft professional degree definition has been sent to programs for comment. The undergraduate admissions policy has been updated to make consistent for non-traditional students. Undergraduate residency policy has been revised and returned to the Senate (see item #7).

Graduate Council (2/6)—The Graduate Council heard reports from PDRC.

Faculty Policy & Development Council—No report.

Academic Operations Council—No report.

AU UFO Steering Committee—The AU UFO Steering Committee is planning the May retreat, which will focus on undergraduate assessment. The retreat will be the week after May graduation.

Race and Justice. No report.

[6] Senate Officer Election

The senators elected the following officers via secret ballot. These voted officers will be recommended to the general faculty on April 22, 2019.

Chair: Heather Ferguson
Vice-Chair: Tom Goodwin
Exec Secretary: Rahel Wells
Communications: Janine Lim
Parliamentarian: Karl Bailey

[7] UGC: Residency Policy

The Undergraduate Council reviewed the questions returned by the Senate about changes to the undergraduate residency policy (January 2019). The UGC returned the following revised policy:

“A minimum of 30 of the last 60 credits for baccalaureate and 15 credits for associate programs must be earned through completion of Andrews University classes included in the academic bulletin.”

The modified recommendation is less stringent than the original policy, but more stringent than the first proposed revision. The addition of a requirement for associate programs is retained.
MOTION: “To ACCEPT the revised recommendation for undergraduate residency requirements from the Undergraduate Council.” (Lim). Seconded, VOTE PASSED.

Senate Discussion & Announcements

[1] Worship & Prayer
Worship and Prayer (K. Hall) Tales of a Magic Monastery—“The best place to pray”. Prayer: J. Lim.


Many faculty beyond those who were registered attended the AU Teaching and Learning Conference. The evening keynote was thoughtful and inspirational. We are building engagement with this conference over time and will continue to work on increasing participation and involving both faculty and staff in academic discussions. The book signing and fireside chat was a good opportunity for discussion. The theme for next year will align with Faculty Institution/university priority. Reminder: the conference is a good way to give graduate students additional training to be teachers.

Request: Senators as mentors—the mentoring program is open to any faculty member that requests, and senators are good candidates to act as mentors. Remind any faculty in your academic units that they can request before April 30.

Request: Recommendations for faculty book club for next year.

Report: All faculty applicants for the Innovation in Teaching and Learning grants were fully funded for the 2019-2020 school year.

[5] Senate Election Results

Elections were completed at the beginning of April using the new structure for academic units (8 academic units—4 colleges + 3 divisions of the College of Arts and Sciences). There are seven senators-elect and two open seats still to be filled from the Theological Seminary.

Next Faculty Senate meeting: May 8, 2019.