Faculty Senate 2020–2021

MINUTES: April 14, 2021
Location: Zoom Meeting
Time: 6:00-8:00 pm
H. Ferguson, Chair; K. Friestad, Recording Secretary


Guests: A. Coria-Navia, J. Lim, C. Arthur, L. Weldon

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

[2] Minutes of prior Faculty Senate Meeting
MOTION: VOTE passed. To approve the minutes as presented (K. Friestad). Votes: 15 yes

[4] Council/Committee Reports (A. Bosman)
Voted to approve and Seconded:

Undergraduate Council: (02/1/2021)
Graduate Council: (03/17/2021): Information relating to international graduate students; Spring Graduation; Vaccination information.
Academic Operations and Policy Council: (none)
Faculty Policy & Development Council: (none)
LearningHub Ad Hoc Committee: (none)
Liberal Arts Council: (none)
Race and Justice: (none)

Senate Discussion & Announcements


[3] ETLC & CTL Updates (A. Coria-Navia)
Anneris presented information for summer support, including individual consultations and curated resources/conferences; training and support for new tools for teaching, retention, collaboration, and assessment. We took a poll regarding format for professional development opportunities for next year 2021-2022. Other initiatives/updates included the faculty mentorship program, the Innovation in Teaching and Learning grant, and the moving the FAR to be completely online.

[5] Faculty Senate Elections update (K. Friestad)
We had a few of the new senators present and went through the list of senators whose terms were ending and new senators. Officer elections are postponed until the May 12 Faculty Senate meeting.

[6] University Strategic Plan (H. Ferguson)
Heather proposes: a subcommittee for the University Strategic Planning committee formed by Faculty Senate members to attend the Strategic Planning meetings: A. von Maur, A. Bosman, S. Alexander, R. Gatón, J. Lim, B. Magaud
Janine presented the background for Acadeum and CAREonline: promoting institutional collaboration while maintaining institutional autonomy; Acadeum makes a neutral platform that can promote sharing courses, which we can do with other Adventist institutions; Questions include: is Acadeum including typical asynchronous courses or are there other types of courses offered? Answer: there are no self-paced courses in Acadeum. Most courses in Acadeum are asynchronous. How are courses priced in Acadeum? We set the price for the class, not Acadeum. Janine shared the average cost per credit and class. Questions were raised regarding the impact of having the option of Acadeum courses available instead of utilizing our faculty who are on campus and how this may impact replacing professors long term. Dr. Arthur weighed in that he was supportive of departments with what was accepted and that he will not allow courses to basically be outsourced. How does Andrews become more accessible to students outside of Andrews? https://acadeum.com/consortia/care-online/
Direct link to courses on Acadeum: https://collegeconsortium.org/courses/

Anthony presented the developing ACE Pathways Proposal and the conceptual framework for what it could or may end up looking like. The pathways are defined by certain themes and are optional for students to choose. Questions included: how are faculty expected to accommodate or not the pathways, does that impact the way a course is taught? (No, although faculty can emphasize the theme if they want). Is there a kind of recognition or microcredential given to a student who completes a pathway? (This discussion is ongoing). The next steps for the ACE Pathways proposal is to meet with ACE providers to determine if courses are placed where appropriate and to continue reworking the draft with that feedback.

Dr. Arthur attended the meeting and discussed the process regarding the new textbook adoption process, which has changed, including costs (cost is calculated based on credits), new procedures with Barnes & Noble, books which are used for multiple semesters should be treated differently, etc. Students can return books if they can find them elsewhere for cheaper.

Next Faculty Senate meeting: May 12