

12 Nov 2020

1:00 pm

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Academic Council Meeting Agenda & Minutes

Attendees: Navid, Trevor, Sarah, Alie, Gab, Amit, Sahand, Caroling, Isabella, Sebastian, Natasha, Joanna, Cassandra

Regrets: Kiera

Agenda:

Item	Details	Action, Who and When
1 Call to Order		
1.1 Approval of Agenda		
1.2 Approval of Minutes	Link to 14 Oct 2020 Minutes	Natasha moved, Seb seconded
2 Open Business		
2.1 Committee Updates	Any updates from Committees AP, Admissions, Curriculum: no updates - Caroling = contact person for BLSA sub-committee Equity committee: - Benedet is concerned about adding a new non-voting member - No 1L position yet, but more updates to come - ILSA has one seat - Ombudsperson is not presumptively on Equity Advisory Committee - Good to have LSS Equity Committee Equity Dean: - Discussing about the feasibility	
2.2 COVID-19 <i>ad hoc</i>	Review strategy going into Faculty Council	Write something to Dean

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<p>Committee: Copy/Paste Motion</p>	<p>Link to our motion</p> <p>Dean Benedet put it on the agenda, but did not outright reject the idea</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Could include Trevor's letter in the meeting - Initially: administrative decision, so don't need to vote - Section 4.4: might have ability to force this motion (See Trevor's thoughts in other document) - Faculty can vote no on the first motion if they don't want to discuss about it, and then can vote yes <p>During last FC meeting, Duff mentioned that it can be put to a vote</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In April, FC was able to vote about this - Faculty Governance doc makes it clear about Committee needs to implement policies developed by FC <p>Not trying to present the merits about copy/paste, but more about Prof's ability to choose the format of their exam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not much debate about unsecure v secure because they want students to have access to online text - Going back to secure mode would be hard sell for faculty and students - Concern about unsecure mode + copy/paste: students can communicate with each other => on the discussion table for term 2 <p>Keep copy/paste decision to this semester => profs can still change their syllabus in 2nd semester</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - By changing Dec 2020 policy, not proposing a longer-term effect <p>Link to Faculty Council document: put thoughts in this document to bring up during Faculty Council meeting</p> <p>Do we want to preserve this copy-paste motion right now or put it up for discussion?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Unclear how Dean Benedet will put this on the agenda 	<p>Benedet (Nov 12-13) => put thought on this doc</p> <p>COVID Committee will work on this as well</p>
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2.3 ILSA & LSS Joint Motion	<p>Review strategy going into Faculty Council Link to our motion</p> <p>Dean accepted it as is on the agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Won't be voted on, so don't need to speak to it for too long - Invited one of the co-presidents of ILSA to talk about it/observe <p>Cassandra + ILSA members will be starting a sub-committee to look over hiring faculty members for ISLR</p>	
3 New Business		
3.1 Notifying Students of Council Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Given the lack of central Agenda/Minutes distribution as is required by the LSS Constitution, figuring out a way to alert students of our activities is worth exploring. => Minutes and agenda should be on the LSS website - Facebook posts, LSS newsflash (email) - Tell students what we're bringing to FC so they know what's going on + reduce complaints <p>Please refer to this summary for distribution via the Newsflash.</p> <p>Idea: email students an update before each FC meeting</p>	Email blast before Faculty Council Meeting: update from the LSS
3.2 Mid-semester Course Evals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ongoing issue in LSS history, but removed during the last time <p>Amit: LRW issues in GEE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students found it difficult to bring up issues to professors over Zoom or professors don't respond <p>No requirement for these evaluations, so faculty doesn't do this</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Either profs don't care or they would do it themselves - Frame it as a suggestion for professors to respect academic freedom <p>Update on Professor Moore's course</p>	Bring it up during December's meeting

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4 Adjournment		
4.1 Meeting adjourned	Natasha adjourned the meeting Sarah seconded	at 2:01 PM
4.2 Minutes	Submitted by Navid & Caroling	

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