

Faculty Senate Agenda (Gen Ed Special Meeting)  
May 2, 2017, 3:30 p.m.  
Holloway Hall 119

Senators Present: Anita Brown, Thomas Calo, Stephen Ford (President), Samuel Geleta (Vice President), Aaron Hogue, John Nieves (Volunteer Secretary), David Rieck, Asif Shakur

No Quorum: 8/19 Present

1. Announcements from the Senate President
  - a. The current at-large elections will end on May 8 at 3 p.m. President Ford reminded Senators to vote and to encourage their constituents to vote.
2. Unfinished/Continuing Business
  - a. General Education Revised Student Learning Goals - Dr. James King

Discussion: Senator Calo worries about assessment and curricular decisions coming from a relatively vague document and wants a clear timeline. We learn of hopes of getting a model voted on by December, but the process will remain flexible. Senator Hogue worries about “stewardship” in goal three. For Environmental reasons, asks for “sustainability” to be substituted, for clarity’s sake. Senator Nieves takes notes of specific changes in wording and will afterward send them to Sarah Winger in Assessment, who is editing the document. Dr. King informs the Senate that the First Year Experience Workgroup is currently developing prototype courses as examples other faculty may emulate. Senator Brown, harkening back to Senator Calo’s statement, worries about a firm timeline being set. Dr. Kashi wonders whether faculty should be able to keep the current Gen Ed structure in a no vote. President Ford interjects that this very question has surfaced several times over the past year and in each case the Senate as a whole supports the ability of faculty to vote for no change if they deem it appropriate. Dr. King states that the goal of the new process is to identify problems with the working model, then put together something that can satisfy a majority of the faculty. He also states that steering committee needs feedback to happen more quickly.

- b. Gen Ed Canvas Site – Dr. Shawn McEntee

Dr. McEntee demonstrates how the new General Education Canvas page works. Most faculty will have a student role. There are plans to link directly to the canvas page when people search for Gen Ed on the SU website. Senator Nieves suggests hypertext additions to clarify the Learning Goals for students and suggests Discussion Board and clear instructions about how to comment on current Gen Ed step. He also suggests clearly stating where in the process the work stands on the Canvas course page. Dr. McEntee informs us students will give input on Gen Ed in break out groups on May 3 from 12-3 p.m. in the fourth floor auditorium of the Academic Commons.

Since we do not have a quorum, the vote on acknowledgement of the revised learning goals is moved to the regular Senate meeting on May 9, 2017.

3. Adjournment 4:45.