ECAC Planning
Notes
June 16, 2008

Expectations

   Agenda for the Year - Issues and Timing
   Spur Faculty Involvement
   Move Forward Procedurally
   Plan Faculty Orientation
   Spur Engagement and Involvement in Faculty and Academic Council

How should we plan to use the coming year in governance? What pieces of old business remain on our agenda? What new issues do we need/desire to address?

Group A

Old Business

   Transform Task Force 1 Recommendations into Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws
   Statement from Student-Faculty Civility Commission
   Academic Year Start Date – Targeted vs All Inclusive
   Implement Findings of Faculty Opinion Survey
   UCFA Task Force on Healthcare, etc.
Environmental Stewardship

Emeriti Voice – Formalize

Operationalize COIA Recommendation for 5 Year Review of Athletic Rep

Address Rules Committee Recommendations

New Business

Design Faculty Orientation – 1st Meeting

Clarify Role of ECAC

Address Composition of Appeals/Hearing Board – Tenured vs Untenured, etc.

Administrative Recognition of Academic Governance Service

Enunciate “Guiding Principles” for Conduct of ECAC Meetings

Address Larger Problem of Lack of Faculty Participation/Engagement in Governance

Representation from Residential Colleges – Smaller Faculties

Group B

Old Business
Recommend Bylaw Change; Add Emeriti Faculty to Faculty/Academic Council; UCAG – Action Item

Bylaw Revisions to All of Faculty Council and Chairs of Standing Committees – Review, then to ECAC

Add Rules Committee to Bylaws

Civility Task Force – Define and Meet

New Faculty Opinion Survey

Implementation Steps to Communicate Key Issues to Faculty

UCAP Role in Communication of Athletic Council Issues to Faculty

Update on Status of 3rd Party Copyright

New Business

Health Care Policies

   Budget Subcommittee Report

   Distribute to Faculty

What Should Change

Environmental Stewardship

   Options Task Force and Reform

   Distribute to Faculty
What Should Change

How to Enforce

Faculty’s Role with Michigan Legislature – Voice of MSU in State Government – How to Improve Economy

How to Improve Faculty/Academic Council Meetings

Academic Year Start Date Discussions

Religious Observance Policy

Policy on Integrity Scholarships and Grades

Undergraduate Learning Services Policies

Accountability Standards for Undergraduate Education

Recruitment and Retention of Graduate Students and Faculty

Group C

Old Business

Other Implications of Academic Calendar Changes (Budgetary)

Civility – Identify Components

Methods to Enhance Faculty Involvement in Governance

Undergraduate “TA’s”

CIC Interactions
New Business

New Faculty Orientation Enhancement

What is done now?

Reaching Other Faculty

Energy

Faculty Involvement

Faculty Expertise / Including PR

Prioritization-(Five votes to each participant; no more than two dots per participant per item. This does not mean the other items are not important!)

Top Five Issues As Prioritized

Bylaw Revisions from Yellow Pages [9 votes]

Environmental Stewardship (i.e. energy – enlist faculty expertise and support, with PR, for example) [7 votes]

Health Care Options [6 votes]

Re-Envisioning Undergraduate Education (issues of content and flexibility) [6 votes]

Look at Balance of Voting/Definition of Faculty (issues include representation from Residential Colleges, Grand Rapids Medical Campus, Dubai) [5 votes]

All Issues
Faculty Involvement in P & T at the University Level [3 votes]

Re-Envisioning Undergraduate Education (issues of content and flexibility)[6 votes]

Administrative Recognition of Academic Governance Service [1 vote]

Enumerate “Guiding Principles” for Conduct of ECAC Meetings

Look at Balance of Voting/Definition of Faculty (issues include representation from Residential Colleges, Grand Rapids Medical Campus, Dubai) [5 votes]

Address Larger Problem of Lack of Faculty Participation (Engagement in Governance)

Recruit/Retain Graduate Students and Faculty

Representation in CIC and Other Multi-University Groups

New Faculty Orientation Role for Governance [1 vote]

Kick-Off Meeting for Governance/Councils [1 vote]

Address Composition of Appeals/Hearing Boards [3 votes]

Improve FC and AC Meetings

Start Date of Academic Year (including budgetary issues) [2 votes]

Religious Observance Policy

Integrity of Scholarship and Grade Policy/Academic Freedom [1 vote]

Accountability – Undergraduate Education [2 votes]
Undergraduate Learning Assistants

UCAP and Communication of Athletic Council Issues

Third Party Copyright
Health Care Options [6 votes]

Environmental Stewardship (i.e. energy – enlist faculty expertise and support, with PR, for example) [7 votes]

Faculty Advocate to Legislators [3 votes]

Multi-Year Planning Cycle for Governance

What Constitutes Success for Governance? [3 votes]

Making Progress in a Time of Constrained Resources (Perhaps this should be our motto?)

Defining “Scholarship” (especially with its input on faculty education and P & T)

Emeriti Faculty Voice – Bylaw Change

Bylaw Revisions from Yellow Pages [9 votes]

Add Rules Committee to Bylaws

Civility Task Force [1 vote]

Faculty Opinion Survey - Move to Implementation [1 vote]

Planning the Year Ahead - What comes first, second, third, .... in 2008/2009 calendar? Who needs to address this issue? Specific path forward?

Fall Semester (including the early information reports to highlight issues and to give “big picture” perspective)

Informational Reports (all in the opening meetings - may lead to action or further deliberation)
UCLL/Provost/Others on the “Big” Picture (Early in Year)

Health Care (Report by Dave Byelich et al) (Sept)

Energy (Report by Boomer) (Sept)

Look at Balance of Voting/Definition of Faculty (issues include representation from Residential Colleges, Grand Rapids Medical Campus, Dubai)

New Faculty Orientation Role for Governance (Stay the Course)

Kick-Off Meeting for Governance/Councils (work on agenda with Beck)

Emeriti Faculty Voice – Bylaw Change (Early Fall)

Start Date of Academic Year (including budgetary issues) (Early Fall)

Health Care Options (Report in Early Fall that may lead to action before end of calendar year)

Environmental Stewardship (i.e. energy – enlist faculty expertise and support, with PR, for example) (energy informational report may spur the creation of a task force on environmental stewardship which operates throughout 2008/2009)

Faculty Opinion Survey - Move to Implementation (Fall Beta-Test moving toward a Mid-Spring Report)

UCAP and Communication of Athletic Council Issues (Mid-Fall Report)

Civility Task Force (Report at end of Fall)

Third Party Copyright (Late Fall Report)

Add Rules Committee to Bylaws (Fall)

Bylaw Revisions from Yellow Pages (work throughout Fall toward reviewing and finishing these in the Spring)

Undergraduate Learning Assistants (Fall – ECAC role)
**Spring Semester**

Bylaw Revisions from Yellow Pages (take action in Spring)

Religious Observance Policy (Early Spring – 1/1)

Integrity of Scholarship and Grade Policy/Academic Freedom (Early Spring – 1/1)

Faculty Opinion Survey - Move to Implementation (Mid-Spring Report from Fall Beta-Test)

Faculty Involvement in P & T at the University Level (UCFT – Spring Report)

Accountability – Undergraduate Education (Spring)

Defining “Scholarship” (especially with its input on Faculty Education and P & T (Back Burner)

*General ECAC issues, other committee issues as noted or otherwise undesignated issues*

Recruit/Retain Graduate Students and Faculty (UCFA)

Address Composition of Appeals/Hearing Boards (UCFA)

Improve FC and AC Meetings (Outcome of Interesting Agendas – Communicate to Colleagues)

Representation in CIC and Other Multi-University Groups (Terry Curry checking list of organizations and possible attendees)
Administrative Recognition of Academic Governance Service (ECAC in interaction with the Provost)

Enumerate “Guiding Principles” for Conduct of ECAC Meetings (All of Our Responsibility)

Faculty Advocate to Legislators (ECAC - talk to University of Minn. Governance – talk to Steve Webster)

Multi-Year Planning Cycle for Governance (Yes, we should do this.)

What Constitutes Success for Governance? (ECAC)

Making Progress in a Time of Constrained Resources (Perhaps this should be our motto?)

**Evaluation**

*Positives*

We found out “new stuff”

Meeting was organized

Agenda yielded results

Wide variety of topics - Unified view on how to move forward

Positive climate

New people

Social environment/Lunch

New name signs

President and Provost attended and spoke


Changes for Future Meetings

Write bigger

Get stuff out to attendees in advance