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ASB 230

Members Present: President Jim Morley, Jill Weiss, Elaine Risch, Sam Mustafa, Alex Olbrecht, Ruma Sen, Max Goldberg, Jeremy Teigen, Marcia Sexton (recorder)

Members Absent: Eric Haye

Guests: Vice Provost Eric Daffron, President Peter Mercer

1. Approve minutes: Approved

2. Discussion on how to best communicate with our units. Role of “all-college” reps in communication with faculty

Members present discussed how best to solicit input from the various units. It was suggested that representatives email their unit periodically. An additional item on the purpose/definition of the all college representatives was also discussed.

3. Procedures for soliciting input via our email address: [faec@ramapo.edu](mailto:faec@ramapo.edu)

The FAEC email is for faculty to submit questions/suggestions/issues. It was suggested that the address be added to the meeting points and approved minutes along with representative emails to their units.

4. Halting proliferation of committees (i.e. committee creep)

This item was in reaction to the newly formed Design Team for the Curriculum Enrichment Component (CEC) and is another example of forming committees to deal with curriculum related issues. There was much deliberation on the number of committee faculty are involved with and the perceived duplication of assessment work. It was pointed out that ARC is a sub-committee of the Faculty Assembly charged with many of the tasks being accomplished by other groups.

**Action Item:** Each representative request from their appropriate dean a list of committees within each school for the October 20 meeting.

**Action Item:** All members were requested to bring a list of all-college committees to the October 20 meeting.

5. Following through on the committee’s reassigned time issue and support for conveners

Members present discussed support for conveners, reassigned time, and ideas on how shifting reassigned time could benefit conveners. It was recommended that Council review the list of reassigned timeslots and the committee list before presenting any proposals.

**Action Item:** Councilors Teigen and Weiss will coordinate reviews of the documents and report back to Council at the October 27 meeting.

6. GECCO and assessment-progress report from Gen Ed liaison (Sam Mustafa)

GECCO’s major project for the fall semester is assessing writing across the Gen Ed curriculum using a rubric whereby faculty may submit student papers for review. Following

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Councilor Mustafa's report, members present deliberated the purpose of GECCO, its reporting structure, and example of committee creep (see Item #4 above).

7. Progress report from ARC liaison (Vice Provost Eric Daffron)

Vice Provost Daffron provided a brief ARC report on the updated course level guidelines and course level capacity at the graduate level. These items are to be voted on at the October 20 Faculty Assembly.

8. Continual prioritization of annual agenda

A brief discussion on how prioritizing of the year's agenda has been ongoing since September. The propensity for "emergency" discussion items to pop up during the week, i.e. the Design Team, was also discussed.

9. Prep for next FA meeting

It was brought up that for any vote at Faculty Assembly to succeed a quorum was needed. It was decided that a Turningpoint slide be posted at the start of the meeting to determine a) if the clickers were functioning, and b) how many faculty were present. President Morley will review his president's report at the next Council meeting. Currently there are 2 ARC motions to be voted on.

Agenda for meeting with President Mercer, 10:15a-11:00a

1. Following through on the Middle States recommendation that faculty be meaningfully involved in the shared governance of the college

President Mercer reminded Council of the necessary monitoring report that is due to Middle States within 19 months. There was also discussion regarding the recommendation that faculty be more involved in overall governance, with predominant focus on curricular issues. President Mercer reminded Council that his idea of a constituent assembly has been available since coming to Ramapo. Members present participated in a brief discussion on campus communication issues and how faculty can have a more visible presence at the administrative level such as occasional attendance at the President's Cabinet.

2. Implication of a causal relationship between student drinking and faculty schedules and homework assignments

a. Request for empirical basis of the insinuated relationship

b. Constructive suggestions to Student Activities

President Morley and Council relayed to President Mercer the heated reaction of the faculty to comments made at the State of the College address linking faculty schedules and the amount of homework distributed to the increase in student drinking on campus. Council is aware of issues with the two day teaching schedule and President Mercer reported that up to 50% of classes meet only once a week. There was also discussion on how Student Affairs is addressing this problem by implementing new guest policies and alcoholic beverage policies. Additional comments were made regarding campus programming and advertising, entertainment vs. educational programming, classroom space within residence halls, student conduct and attitudes, and academic life outside the classroom. Presidents Mercer and Morley agreed to work together in future on the student behavior/drinking issues.

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3. Faculty input on architectural design of the new G building and Student Center

President Mercer confirmed that faculty will be involved with the renovation and addition to the G building.

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