



ACADEMIC SENATE

GENERAL SENATE MEETING

OCTOBER 11, 2018
PEACHMAN LECTURE HALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Tom Nordenholz at 11:05 am, by welcoming all the academic senate members for the second General Senate Meeting in Fall 2018.

Guests: *Sue Opp (Provost); Graham Benton (Associate Provost); Kevin Mandernack (Dean, School of Letters & Sciences); Tom Cropper (President); Stan Hebert (VP for Student Affairs); David Taliaferro (Commandant)*

Introductions and Announcements

Margot Hanson is our newly elected member to serve on the Senate Executive Committee for remainder of term 2018-2019.

Mike Andrews will be serving on our Senate RTP committee.

Two student representatives who will be attending General Senate and Senate Executive Committee meetings were introduced, Andres Ramirez and Dylan Sanchez.

David Taliaferro, the new commandant, was introduced.

The Administrative Review Policy has been approved and signed by the President. The Senate executive committee has decided to set-up the committee & schedule in place and figure out all the required logistics this academic year and then start the implementation during the next academic year.

One week before the General Senate Meeting the Vice-Chair will be reaching out to all the Senate Committee chairs for an update and then a time slot will be allotted during the General Senate meeting for the committee chairs to make their short report.

ET Department chair elections will be conducted during the upcoming week.

The new Academic Senate webpage has been introduced.

The major assignment for this year will be to revise Academic Senate by-laws and to efficiently handle this task Executive committee will be reaching out to the senate to form adhoc committees.

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Upcoming Events:

Gender Equity Meeting is scheduled tomorrow (i.e. Wednesday, Oct 10, 2018) in the Faculty Lounge.

Julie Chisholm's scholar presentation is scheduled on Nov 15, 2018 between 11 am – 12 pm.

Upcoming General Senate Meetings: Nov 13 2018; Dec 4 2018 between 11 am - 12:20 pm.

Between 11 - 11:50am, the General Senate meetings will be open for all the faculty and administrative colleagues including Academic Deans, Provost and the campus President.

Between 11:50 am – 12:20 pm, an informal discussion will be open to only faculty for open floor discussions without any minutes being recorded.

In Spring 2019, elections will be held to form a new Senate Executive Committee.

Provost Report

The Provost followed up on the October 8 e-mail that was sent out by the Office of President to all Faculty and Staff regarding the directive by MARAD that the Training Ship GOLDEN BEAR will be provided to Texas A&M Maritime Academy to support their cadet at-sea training requirements in summer 2019.. She made it very clear that all the information is not available as yet and periodic updates will be provided to all the Faculty and Staff. She also repeated the Presidents statement in his email that there will still only be one Cal Maritime Cruise in summer of 2019.

There were several deep concerns expressed by faculty about this situation, particularly the safety and security of equipment that has been installed by Cal Maritime faculty over the years, as well as the likelihood that the ship will return to our campus weeks into the fall semester and therefore not be available for instructional or residential use during that time

At this point the return date of the ship is not finalized and the Provost had already instructed the Academic Calendar Committee to plan for various options just to be well prepared for the Fall 2019 semester.

President Cropper joined the meeting at this point.

Shared Governance Consultation

The guiding document for the shared governance consultation process has been shared with the General Senate.

Gary Reichard, who previously served as our Interim Provost will be available and expressed interest to help us out on this important process.

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President Cropper provided an update on this to the General Senate. He suggested that when he heard that there was interest in the Senate to pursue Gary Reichard as a consultant to help us out with Shared Governance processes, he called Gary to gauge his interest. Gary will be retiring from his current position in December and since shared governance is a favorite topic of his, he will definitely consider the offer if he is selected. Meanwhile, Gary wanted the Academic Senate to share the guiding document to obtain an understanding of all the expectations from the consultant.

Student Issues Follow-up

A discussion was started about what role the Senate expects to play to address student issues.

A six member middle leadership academy committee that is chaired by Dr. Wallace has been formed to come up with an action plan.

The Faculty Development Co-Ordinator has offered to conduct any workshops that will help Faculty members to address student issues.

Kristen Tener suggested that she would be happy to work with Faculty to address student issues. Currently athletics is offering self-defense classes to female and male student groups.

Many Faculty had expressed urgency to address these issues and have suggested that open discussions on sexual misconduct should be initiated in classrooms with students and if possible they should be incorporated into the Student learning outcomes within all majors. There was strong expression among faculty to aim for zero sexual misconduct on our campus.