

Faculty Governance Committee Meeting

4-6pm, October 22, 2019, Julian 372

Participants: David Alvarez (Chair), Sharon Crary, Steve Bogarts, Kent Menzel, and Rich Cameron

1) We approved Minutes for October 8 with one strike-out.

2) Update on Proposed Policy on Disseminating Consultant and Other Reports

This is to the VPAA and he'll get back to us.

3) Update on Proposed Policy on Faculty Representation on Ad Hoc committees

The president of the faculty suggested one wording change, which we accepted.

4) Update on request to formalize meeting times and structures between BoT and Core FGCs.

The chair updated the committee.

5) Final Review of Proposed "best practices" for faculty governance committees and communication between them and the faculty before sending it out for committee chairs for suggestions (i.e., the section following "Notes towards a "One-Page Guide to Chairing Faculty Governance Committees at DePauw.") We may also wish to consider the AAUP Guidelines for selecting committee chairs (also in the google doc), especially in light of item #7 below.

The committee discussed the rationale for making such advice explicit; what sorts of issues raise the need for adding the language? Further discussion of the issue of how chairs on committees are elected. The committee discussed whether Governance should be sent minutes to keep tabs on what's happening in other committees. This was suggested to be, perhaps, micromanaging other committees and we were reminded of the need to trust committees and chairs to communicate and post minutes. Suggestion to add language saying that committees should strive to have minutes submitted within a month of approval. A question was raised regarding the role of members of committees, e.g., whether and to what extent members 'represent' their divisions. There used to be more formal structures for this at DePauw, but it is no longer typical, e.g., for divisions to meet regularly. The chair will share this document with other committee chairs for comments.

6) Consideration of Planning Committee. This article might be of interest, perhaps especially recommendation #2.

We discussed the potential for a retreat between Trustees, senior administration, faculty, and staff co-chaired by members from each group, to facilitate shared understanding of the nature of the liberal arts and shared governance as well as their viability in current circumstances.

7) Curriculum Committee request to reduce the number of members on Faculty Governance Committees.

Governance discussed the opportunities to reduce the number of faculty serving on committees.

The chair mentioned that he has invited David Harvey and Amanda Kim to discuss review policy for administrators and the campus climate survey respectively.

We adjourned.