

Minutes for Faculty student Senate 02/13/2018

Present: Bryce Snyder, Sam Keene (chair) Jeremiah Pratt (vice Chair), Sonjeev Menon, Julie Castelluzzo, Richard Stock, Parker Limon, Dylan Dewald, Clara Zinky (secretary), Denis Adams, Diane Agrest, Neveen Shlayan

Commenced 12:12pm

Agenda

1. Update from the Diversity Inclusion Task Force
2. Update from CPC
3. Update on financial aid by Jeremiah
4. Old Business
5. New Business

Update on diversity Inclusion Task Force: a description of the group which is volunteer based and consists of members of faculty, staff and students. The group met twice in the fall semester and divided into 6 task forces which are focusing on issues such as compositional diversity, faculty and staff, inclusive pedagogy. This last one they are looking to add another art student onto.

A discussion followed about the criteria for who is in the sub groups and how much of the school is being represented in these groups.

Motion: FSS recommends that the DITF includes members from each school and holds as a goal that all three schools are included in the working groups.

Motion Passed

Update on CPC: This is another body by Laura Sparks made up of faculty, students and staff whose meetings are open to all, Chaired by Kit Nicholls and Lucy Raven. If interested email Laurence Sedario. It is meant to be a Mechanism for a broad range of voices to contribute to strategic planning collaborative. Smaller groups have been formed within the body to focus on: alumni engagement, civic leadership, CU's role in NYC
The next meeting will be the 15th of february at 3pm.

When asked if anything has been achieved it was clarified that the first meetings were defining meetings and meetings to break down into groups, only now are they getting to looking for solutions.

A discussion followed about how these meetings are heavily populated by staff not faculty, and how hard it is to get people to know about meetings as people are tuning out campus notices.

A discussion about governance availability and transparency, and about the newness of current governance in relation to the learning curve that is happening in our new governance.

FEC proposal report back

mostly student council members there.

Communications committee is not active, is this an issue of not hearing?

How does Laura see this?

Over reliance on campus-wide emails. Different ways to communicate? Are there?

The idea of a cooper intranet- a cooper screen coming up with announcements?

Website has serious problems- in a sort of ----- each school with their own designs?

Financial Aid: JSC last semester collected grievances and complaints about financial aid.

It was brought to the attention of admin, going has been slow, Laura sat on it for a bit but it finally got to Dean Lipton's desk. The ball is rolling as JSC met with Dean Lipton about considering processes for feedback in Financial Aid as we need more clarity in information. A request for instituting open forums for Financial Aid if processes are not clear and about changing the online systems as there are two systems right now which are not linked up.

Discussion about one of the recommendations in the FEC which deals with reducing graduate student's aid next year.

Next meeting---- consider putting out a motion that admin must take care so incoming students know everything

Motion: the FSS recommend to the board of trustees that decisions regarding reductions in grad student scholarships for the incoming class of 2018 be postponed until the effects on current applicants and on our programs can be properly analyzed.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:37pm