Minutes for AY 15-16 Senate Meeting #5
3:00pm-5:00 pm
Senate Meeting Date: Monday, January 25, 2016
Senate Meeting Locations


Officers: (Downtown) Cataldo, Hoffner; (Polytechnic) Hollinger, Pitts; (Tempe) Bodman, Hosley, Kyselka, Maltz, Ossipov, Puckett, Elenes; (West) Collins, Matustik

Ex-Officio: (Tempe) Michael Crow, Mark Searle, Andrew Webber

Guests: (Tempe) Charles Kazilek, Art Blakemore, Deborah Clarke, Barry Ritchie

Absences: (Downtown) Catlaw (excused), DeBoard (excused) Nair (excused); (Polytechnic) no absences; (Tempe) Seager (excused); (West) Johnson (excused)

1. Update from Campuses & Sound Check

2. Call to Order

   a. Welcome from Senate President Brenda Hosley
   b. 92 voting members present

3. Informational Reports

   a. President’s Report – Michael Crow

ASU continues to be recognized at the student, faculty, department and college levels and break internal and external records. The university is doing exceedingly well with retention and graduation goals. The admissions standards allow for admission of a cross-section of the high school class and admits the upper 20th percentile. Incoming A students are graduating in 4 years above 62% - about half of them are graduating in 4 years above
75%. This number, considering the university’s size, is significant. Freshmen retention is currently at 86% with the goal set at 90%. The university carries its own credit rating. Moody’s issued a special report on ASU and gave an excellent overview. The drive toward state investment in Arizona and the students of Arizona continues. For many years, efforts focused on different funding models such as 22:1, performance and parity funding. However, this legislative session was entered into with no funding model which has not occurred since the 1960s. All but a few states, including Arizona, have recovered from the recession with Arizona facing the deepest cuts to education. An agreement has been reached with Governor Ducey to accept the model presented by the Arizona Board of Regents to focus all state funding on Arizona students attending state universities. The case continues to be made to the business community in the areas of economic development, technology and emphasis on the state’s capacity to compete economically. ASU will not reduce the number of in-state students if funding does not come through. President Crow indicated he is concerned about student safety and student life as a result of recent incidents. He asked faculty to be aware and to listen to students.

b. ePortfolio: Art Blakemore Vice Provost for Academic Success and Charles Kazilek Chief Technology Innovation Officer

Mr. Kazilek stated that there is an academic side of ePortfolios for the classroom such as writing, video, and audio content that can go into a repository. Faculty can apply a rubric and do assessments. All work can be collected in a central place. ePortfolio is being used by, undergoing testing, or planning is underway, in 35 schools at this time. Faculty, students and alumni can use it. Students are able to create more than a traditional resume and include assets that cannot go into a paper resume. The university is working with DigiCation. An IRB allows for research on the work that students submit. Students can give consent to donate work artifacts and revoke their consent at any time. Thirty-two thousand university students and faculty are currently using it. It is integrated through MyASU and Blackboard. ePortfolio types include academic/classroom, advising and professional. Mr. Blakemore gave an example of using ePortfolio to tailor a resume: students can be asked to build a dream resume in ePortfolio and include milestones. With this platform, learning can be assessed year by year from their first semester. Students can be more involved in their education. It may be possible at some point for ePortfolio users to obtain a unique web address. Students do not have to make the ePortfolios public or share. They can change this at any time. This presentation can be reviewed by going to the University Senate website and searching within the documents section.

4. UAC Chair’s Report – Brenda Hosley

The UAC was asked to give input on the indicator measures that pertain to the 2025 goals from the Arizona Board of Regents. Several faculty members were involved from the humanities and professional programs as well as research. More than 250 faculty members and academic professionals attended the spring Academic Assembly reception, a good turnout. The December and January Senator Spotlight features Danielle Wallace from the School of Criminology and Kiril Hristovski from the Polytechnic School. Kathleen Puckett will begin serving as new University Senate President and UAC Chair beginning June 1, 2016. ASU is hosting the Arizona Board of Regents meeting in February. The topic for discussion at the faculty breakfast with the regents will feature academic excellence. In response to proposed legislation pertaining to concealed weapons on campus, senators should be expecting to review and vote on a forthcoming University Senate resolution.

5. New Business

a. Committee motions

Senate Motion 2016-29 Converting the Research and Creative Activities Committee (RCA) to a Senate Standing Committee.
Feedback/Questions on this motion should be sent to Brenda Hosley, at brenda.hosley@asu.edu.

Senate Motion 2016-30 ACD 304 – 02, missed classes due to university sanctioned activities.

Feedback/Questions on the SFPC motions should be sent to Keith Hollinger, at keith.hollinger@asu.edu.

b. CAPC motions

Senate Motion 2016-26 Request from the School for the Future of Innovation in Society – for the establishment of an undergraduate degree – BA in Innovation in Society.

Senate Motion 2016-27 Request from the School for the Future of Innovation in Society – for the establishment of an undergraduate degree – BS in Innovation in Society.

Feedback/Questions on all CAPC new business should be sent to the Chair, Steven Semken at semken@asu.edu.

See Appendix A for CAPC Information Items

6. Old Business

a. New course proposal consent agenda (1st read via e-mail on 1-11-2016)

Senate Motion 2016-28 new course proposals.

Motion by Maltz, second by Moore

Final Votes Recorded
Yes = 80  No = 0  Abstain = 3
Senate Motion 2016-28 was approved

b. Committee motions

Senate Motion 2016-24 Amending University Senate Bylaw II.B.8.b.1 Academic Professional Representation on the Senate Personnel Committee.

Final Votes Recorded
Yes = 77  No = 3  Abstain = 4
Senate Motion 2016-24 was approved

c. CAPC consent agenda

Senate Motion 2016-23 Request from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences – School of International Letters and Cultures - for the establishment of a graduate certificate – Computer-Assisted Language Learning.

Motion by Weinhold, second by Ossipov

Final Votes Recorded
Yes = 75  No = 1  Abstain = 5
Senate Motion 2016-23 was approved
7. Committee Reports

a. **Transfer Matters Representative, Kristin Hoffner.** This steering committee is reviewing the diverse population of transfer students that come to the university, including international and students and community college students. These students are unlike first time freshmen who come to the university. According to a recent survey, ASU is not as effective at letting faculty know how to communicate with community college students or about the needs of transfers. The committee will come up with steps on improving the transfer student experience.

b. **Graduate Education Dean Search, Judy Krysik.** Interviews with candidates have concluded, three candidates were considered. A decision should be made soon.

c. **Fulton Schools of Engineering Search, Elsie Moore.** Interviews have concluded, comments from the search committee and names of finalists should be going forward shortly.

d. **Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College Dean Search, Robert St. Louis.** A short list of candidates to interview is under development, interviews are expected to be held in March.

e. **Learning Management System Consultation Update, Donna Cataldo.** This committee is evaluating whether to keep Blackboard or to adopt Canvas. Canvas is already in use by a few colleges. Pilot projects will take place this spring.

f. **University Services and Facilities Committee, Martin Matustik.** A recent survey was administered that yielded lots of comments. The committee is currently reviewing responses and recommendations will be made by the end of the spring semester.

g. **Personnel Committee, Oscar Jimenez-Castellanos.** The committee is looking at several topics, including eliminating the University promotion and tenure committee, why certain units delay approval of bylaws, issues pertaining to non-tenure track faculty, concerns about the University leaving the state retirement system, and the role of external reviewers pertaining to ACD 506-04.

h. **Committee on Committees, Chris Kyselka.** The committee is working on candidates for the academic assembly elections, anyone interested should contact the committee as soon as possible.

i. **Student-Faculty Policy Committee, Keith Hollinger.** The committee is seeking clarification on policy pertaining to active duty military personnel and first responders. They are also considering other issues such as the limitations on the number of iCourses for freshmen, and offering alternatives to dissections.

8. Open forum

Donna Cataldo will be sending out a link to allow faculty to volunteer to try the Canvas learning management system.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.