University Senate Meeting # 3
Fall 2013

UAC Chair’s Report

Thomas Schildgen
President of the University Senate
1. Earlier this month nominations were accepted for the University Senate President-Elect. The University Academic Council voted two weeks ago. I would like to announce that Helene Ossipov has been elected to follow me as the President of the University Senate beginning June 1st, 2014. Helene traveled to the University of Oregon with Chuck Barbee and I this past weekend.

2. Task Force on Institutional Ethics and Integrity at ASU The 12 members have met twice and should be able to accomplish their work by April of 2014.

3. Ad-Hoc Committee on Resources for Domestic Violence and Intimate Abuse The eight members of this ad-hoc committee met on 31 October and are collecting resources that can be mounted to a web page that utilizes web optimization for easy access.
4. To clarify procedural issues that came up in Senate meeting #2 regarding new course proposals the following information is provided.

- Because of long delays and an overwhelming workload for CAPC, the new course proposal process was revamped just prior to AY 2010-11.

- While CAPC was previously charged with approving new courses, under the revised system the Senate became the final voting authority.

- The revised process involved an improved tracking system and required unit level curriculum committees to bear more of the burden to ensure expectations were met.
Additionally, all Senators were granted read only access to the Curriculum ChangeMaker, the software program used to track new course proposals.

Admittedly, the Senate needs to do better at informing Senators of this access to new course proposals, and will now include this in the new Senator orientation document and explain it annually at Senate meeting #1.

Once the agenda for a Senate meeting is released (6-7 days prior to each senate meeting)) you can log into Curriculum ChangeMaker and view the history of any course in question.

You can find Curriculum ChangeMaker and basic instructions by going to this webpage, https://provost.asu.edu/ChangeMaker. You can also locate a link for Curriculum ChangeMaker by going to your MyASU page and looking at the links in the lower left hand portion of the webpage.
5. The ASU Anti Sweat Shop Committee, which many major Universities have created relative to an increasing problem with the use of unskilled labor forces in underdeveloped countries around the world. This was a heated topic on National Public Radio (NPR) in the last two weeks.

As China’s standard of living rises, sweat shops are moving to Southeast Asia. 80% of their exports are textiles.

They have 3,500 factories making apparel with 3 million workers there. They’re also ground zero for safety concerns. There have been 18,014 deaths within 2 years.

There are problems with engineering and electrical fires. Equipment is added to buildings that weren’t made to support it.

A lot of companies manufacture there, both collegiate and non-collegiate. Trying to keep companies from cutting and running.
The ASU Anti Sweat Shop Committee

There is a group of students that are leading a national campaign, and these students are coming together delivering letters to University Presidents. There are over 30 schools committing to some kind of action.

Disney has indicated that they will be pulling $150 million out of there. Russell sports plans to pull out collegiate merchandise.

Our President’s Office, sent out a letter that we encouraged the licenses to sign. Nike is working on doing reviews of their factories, they have 4 factories there.

Bangladesh University inspections reveal that only 1 out of 10 factories are safe.
6. Recent ASU Faculty Achievements

ASU professor given distinguished status by chemical engineering institute

Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering
Tempe campus

Pioneering research in modern inorganic membrane science has led to Jerry Lin’s election to the status of Fellow of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE).

Lin is a Regents’ Professor in the School for Engineering of Matter, Transport and Energy, one of the Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering at Arizona State University.

AIChE Fellows are elite members, typically with 25 or more years of experience in the field.
Recent ASU Faculty Achievements

Materials research progress earns professor praise from peer groups

Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering

Arizona State University assistant professor of engineering Kiran Solanki has added another accolade from a professional engineering organization in recognition of his early-career research achievements.

He was recently announced as the winner of the Orr Early Career Award, bestowed by the Materials Division of the American Society for Mechanical Engineers.
Senator Spotlight for November 2013

Gary Bitter
Professor

Professor of Educational Technology in the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College, and Executive Director of Technology Based Learning & Research (TBLR)

Gary’s research focus is on the impact of integration of technology into curricula on student achievement and attitude, the impact of information technology fundamentals on the digital divide and the future of technology. Dr. Bitter’s accomplishments are exemplified in his numerous journal articles, books, book chapters, conference presentations, invited talks, funded projects, and innovative courses. Over the past decade, Dr. Bitter has received grants in excess of ten million dollars from the U.S. Department of Education, National Science Foundation, Intel, Cisco, Texas Instruments, Apple, IBM, and others.
7. ASU Intercollegiate Graduation Success Ratios

GSR HIGHLIGHTS

82% ASU highest GSR to date (9th year): 6th consecutive year of IMPROVEMENT
Comprised of 4 cohorts
- 2003 (85%)
- 2004 (78%)
- 2005 (80%)
- 2006 (80%)

Five teams lead the Pac-12 Conference with a 4 year GSR of 100%
- Men’s Golf
- Women’s Golf
- Women’s Gymnastics
- Women’s Tennis
- Volleyball

Women’s GSR 93% - is 2nd in the Pac 12 Conference (Stan. 98%)

Men’s GSR 71% is highest to date and has elevated from 56% in 2005
3rd in Conference for graduation rates of African American student-athletes, African American male student-athletes and African American football student-athletes
## GRADUATION SUCCESS RATE - PAC-12 CONFERENCE RANKINGS

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8. ASU Bookstore

Joey Caron the Follett Area Vice President is asking us to assist in reaching a group of faculty that could help test one of the new tools which includes on line Faculty Adoption processes, and features a Faculty Resource center as well.

Book Store Contact: Ms. Desiree Langner

Book Now+

9. Pac-12 Academic Leadership Coalition

Similar to the existing BIG-10 Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC), the schools of the PAC-12 would like to share in collaborative projects, faculty and student opportunities, shared governance.

The presidents of the BIG TEN Conference institutions established the CIC in 1958 as the athletic league’s academic counterpart.

The PAC-12 working group presented the mission and goal statements, logo designs, and prototype website at the University of Oregon this past weekend. Chuck Barbee, Helene Ossipov, and I attended the meetings. There was discussion that there should be a cactus in the logo so it depicts the deserts, Rocky Mountains, and the Ocean. The word ‘academic’ once again replaced Faculty.