

SUNY Faculty Senate Fall Planning Meeting
September 23-24, 2010
Syracuse, NY

Purpose of the Fall Planning Meeting is to set the agenda for each committee for the 2010-11 year. Below are the committees and their agendas for the year. Details of the fall senate meeting dates, and committee minutes can be found at <http://www.suny.edu/facultysenate/>

Ethics Committee

- Survey of CAOs on current ethical issues at institutions
- Symposium on April 10, 2011 on Ethical Issues in Technology theme
- Large Symposium on November 17-18, 2011 in Albany, NY. Journal from Symposium
- Faculty work Product in technological age

Diversity Committee

- Include experts in diversity on all subcommittees
- Concerns with program closure
- Strategic plan
- Curriculum and Diversity Initiatives
- Hold conference similar to STEM conference of last year, but focused on humanities

Governance Committee

- Explore special needs of the senate and holding meeting electronically for conducting business —looking at software and Roberts Rules of Order to see if it can be done
- Supporting campuses during MSCHE process
- Survey of senate and governance leaders
- Assessment tools for campus governance
- Support for CGLs
- Evaluation of Administrators: tools, information, processes available
- Ad Hoc Committee on grading
- AAUP censure list—investigate

Graduate and Research Committee

- Research Symposium, March 8th 2011, LOB, Albany NY “Research that Matters” for Graduate Students
- Research faculty portal for access to information on sustainability.
- Possible workshop on sustainability

Operations Committee

- Executive Compensation
- Fringe Benefit Recovery
- Longitudinal profile of SUNY by gender
- Nature of budget shortfalls from CGLs
- Report on Dept resources and change in student/faculty ration, actual v estimate
- Mobile computing devices—policy implications
- Personnel Decisions in tenure and promotion...are campuses attempting to meet budget shortfalls through denial of tenure and promotion?

- Are positive recommendations overturned at next level
- Are negative recommendations overturned at next level

Programs and Awards Committee

- Conversations in the Disciplines—explore increase in funding
- CIDS are useful to SUNY, but what happens after a CID, are the results published, made available?
- Faculty Exchange Scholars Program—revise it?
- Look at additional categories for Chancellor’s Awards, and should some current awards continue?
- Discuss whether the awards should parallel promotion and tenure
- Numbers of applications for awards have dropped...how to get more to apply
- Discuss role of governance in faculty development

Student Life

- Sustainability—template for sustainability, and how to make students effective in the effort
- Honors Codes---voluntary or obligatory, character development and in FYE experiences
- Social Networking—how is it used, leverage its use internally and externally...and its etiquette
- SUNY and The World—assess how International SUNY is and how does it prepare students for global citizenship

Undergraduate Committee

- Complete and send forward to senate the Guide for Evaluation of Academic Programs
- Assist in developing an NSF grant for SUNY for UG Research
- Undergraduate support in the classroom: explore practices and current SUNY Policy. Do guidelines need to be developed?

Ad Hoc Committee on Grading

- At the request of the Senate Executive Committee the ad hoc committee is charged to examine and explore current practices, policy, or guidelines within SUNY and its campuses on what authority (if any) exists that would allow anyone besides the professor/instructor of record to change a grade. The Louisiana State University news item has brought this issue to the forefront.

Respectfully, submitted

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