

GSC Committee Meeting Form

Instructions: Please complete the relevant sections of this form and notify the GSC president, VP, and Webmaster no more than 48 hours after attending any committee meetings, or other meetings as a representative of GSC. This form will be made public on the GSC website for graduate students to review.

GSC Members Attending: Sean Sellers (President)

Name of Meeting/Committee: Faculty Senate

Meeting Date: 9/5/2019

Start Time: 16:00

End Time:

Brief Summary of Committee Purpose: The Faculty Senate is an advisory body dedicated to providing a faculty-centered point of feedback to University Administration.

Meeting Summary/Main Points of Interest (Inc: Upcoming Events, Topics Discussed, Changes Made, Relevant Points):

1. **Called to order 16:00**, with introduction of **Provost Parker**, guest at Faculty Senate. Invited to speak.
 - a. Primarily personal introductions and background, with a call for openness and tolerance. Aware of significance of things like tenure track process, faculty workload.
 - b. Proposed initiative: Look at faculty appointments. The feeling is that they are too restrictive. Some individuals want "Professors of Practice". Faculty senate has passed a resolution stating that areas of faculty appointments should be examined. Provost Parker is recommending that we review all currently used faculty appointments, and determining whether needs are met. Tentative ranking system, potentially, with standards for ranking, and pay differential. To the ends of determining the types of faculty appointments we want to have, Provost Parker is forming a large task force that will review this.
 - c. Staff and Faculty Pay equity is brought up. There is a systematic problem here with staff especially being unable to support themselves on the university salary.
2. Discussion of University Policies on Faculty Availability & Office Hours. Coming up for review at UAC.
 - a. Currently, there is some discussion as to rules for faculty -- whether they are required to be physically present during business hours (regardless of other commitments and responsibilities)

3. Four items of **New Business**:
 - a. **Prop [01-04]-19/20, Education:** Education is going through some changes w/ regards to reorganization and scholarship moneys. Re-specing for needs across state. Alternative Licensure procedures for Elementary, Secondary, Special, and Early Childhood Education.
4. Need Faculty for FGRB (Faculty Grievance Review Board), Employee Council, Online Taskforce, Alcohol Committee
5. Fractional vs Whole Grading: We're currently locked-in to Fractional, but the discussion is being re-opened.