

Senate
College of Liberal Arts
Zoom
Sep 14th, 2020
4:30–6:00

MINUTES

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Approved unanimously at 4:37pm

2. **Approval of Minutes from October 2019**

Approved at 4:38pm, one abstention

3. **Dean's Report (David Terkla)**

- a. New hires – we get (asked for 16)
 - a. Still some university wide diversity hires
 - b. Attempt on campus to address social justice issue through hiring.
 - c. Enrollments are good. Academic affairs is holding up, foreign students down.
- b. Budget
 - a. We don't know much as we have not heard from the state. But loss sounds like 10 mill.
 - b. 17mill in savings
 - c. So perhaps we are in pretty good shape – definitely in comparison to other campuses and schools in the area.
 - d. In terms of job losses – many hit hard.
- b. Shorelight – what is it? Similar to Navitas – outreach to foreign students. But Shorelight has a second arm, Shorelight ACL we are offering courses to all shorelight classes also to students that are going to other colleges after. Courses depends on what the students want. 400 registered students. 6 figure income. But we do not know what share we get from shorelight. Mostly handled by chancellors office by Garrett Smith
- c. Online vs. remote, Not the same price. Only online if approved and labelled as online by department. If remote classes are fully asynchronous there has been some problems and are some confusion.
- d. Questions:
 - a. Did the 16 searches asked for include those cancelled last year? Yes.
 - b. Junior faculty access to research funds. Why can we not get reimbursed for out of state travel? DT: Travel restriction is governor's decision. In terms of budget much uncertainty on state funds thus savings are sought everywhere. But when we get state budget other research fund restrictions might be lifted.
 - c. Now next cares act 2.0 might not happen. But DT hopes that we will not go full austerity.
 - d. Shorelight ACL courses – who owns them? DT we do, we staff them and we own them. We also internally staff a class for “new foreign students – to deal with the DC restrictions. And off hours students. Garrett Smith informed that its UMB that owns it, and can run it with

other faculty without the faculty that developed it. Follow up q. – but isn't this a good time to develop UMassOnline? DT not sure what is going on with UMassOnline or with the Brandman story.

- e. Worry back door to not get more classes online also after COVID. DT: tricky thing is that several of these have already been approved to be online – so we have not added many. Shorelight use canvas as platform. DT: not feeling pressure to go online.

4. Moderator's Report (Sarah Hamblin)

1. Welcome to new senators.
2. The senate has two main functions, second tier of approval of courses and programs changes. In terms of courses, we are looking for potential cross-listing, looking for patterns or trends.
3. But we are trying to free up more time to discuss the many other issues affecting the University and CLA.
4. Therefore, trying to flip the agenda order to begin with substantive issues and end with course approvals. Request to send any course concerns on beforehand to help with timing.
5. Q: Worry about overlap with faculty council. SH: working to work better with faculty council and FS
6. Vote on constitution of senate committee and of AAC. **Approved unanimously at 5:25**

5. Proposals from AACa.

1. New Coursesi.SPAN490: Internshipb. **Approved unanimously at 5:27**
7. Changes to Existing Coursesi.ENGL 101 and 102: Composition I and II (change of description)ii.THART 361: Introduction to Costume Design(change of description) **Approved unanimously at 5:28**

6. Old Business

1. TA Guidelines. This issue had come up already under the prior moderator. Concerns about what we can ask TAs to do versus what faculty would like. What would we like to do?
 1. Reactivate the “curricular concerns committee” – curricular integrity at the level of the college.
 1. General mood against, not clear what leverage committee world have. Big issues can be discussed on senate or FC.
 2. To Circulate the CLA faculty guidelines for discussion.
2. What would we like to do? Discussion:
3. Political science gets TAs from McCormack – so multiple colleges already faculty council level. SH: but the Deans office is generally the locus of TA assignment.
4. Would like to see some guidance – but also worry about another committee.
5. SH: 1) not doing anything further or 2) Proposal of working group – MJ must include faculty with doctoral student TAs.
6. Other issue – BLM discussed in various groups on campus. CLA started discussion over the summer but waiting for the groups formed by other bodies, FC, Chancellors office, Academic continuity task force.

7. New Business

- a. Upper-level requirements for majors and minors – SH: ask that senators to ask back in the departments if there these restrictions are causing problems for others.
- b. UMB online partnerships with Shorelight and Brandman University.
Postponed.

9. **Adjourn**

Approved unanimously at 6:00pm