

## STANDING COMMITTEES

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### ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE (APC)

#### APC MINUTES 11/18/2020

Present: Allen, Crowley, Gilliland, Jayawickreme, Kulkarni, Petrie (chair), Siedlecki

- Plan of action for analysis of focus group results and presentation of results and recommendations to Senate:
  - Analysis organized by . . .
    - 1) Focus group topics / questions in powerpoint slides
    - 2) Areas of general consensus
    - 3) Areas of disagreement and/or issues / questions requiring longer-term conversation and consensus-building in and beyond Senate
  - Siedlecki volunteered to organize and take lead on analysis, with input from at least one participant and one non-participant in each focus group. Petrie will send list of APC members and the focus groups in which they participated.

AAUP—Petrie & Crowley
Newly Tenured Faculty—Petrie, Gilliland, Crowley
Newer Faculty (Untenured)—Petrie & Siedlecki
Department Chairs—Jayawickreme & Allen
Provost & Deans—Perumbilly & Kulkarni
University P&T Committee—Petrie, Allen, Jayawickreme
DEC Chairs and Members—Petrie & Jayawickreme

- Initial analysis back to APC for further consideration at beginning of Spring 2021 semester, with report to Senate as soon thereafter as feasible.
- Preparation of Senate for reception of report by . . .
  - Pre-report reminders of focus group history and process
  - Reminders that recommendations come not from APC alone but are based in stakeholders' input through focus group process
  - Asking senators to bring report results and recommendations back to their departments to generate more feedback
- Question of whether to schedule a university-wide faculty meeting to discuss report and recommendations tabled for future consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul R. Petrie, Chair

11/20/2020

## ELECTIONS COMMITTEE (EC)

Faculty Senate  
Elections Committee  
Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2020

Attendance: Darcy Kern, Klay Kruczek, Mina Park, Frances Penny, Jonathan Wharton, Cindy Simoneau, chairperson.  
Guest: Corinne Blackmer

Discussion centered on Corinne Blackmer's suggestion for the university to consider a free speech proposal similar to one adopted by the University of Chicago. Blackmer reported about a dozen students have come to her citing faculty and student comments and actions against them for exercising free speech that may not be considered popular or mainstream.

The committee, at a future meeting will discuss a university resolution. In addition, we will pursue discussions with Faculty Development Advisory Committee and administrators about hosting training and possibly a forum on the theme that all speech matters and all opinions are respected on campus.