

Faculty Senate Minutes
1:00 – 2:15 P.M.
May 12, 2011

Members Present

Aram Hajian
Varduhi Petrosyan
Catherine Buon
Melissa Brown
Irshat Madyarov
Vahan Bournazian
Karen Aghababyan
Lusine Galajyan
Gagik Gabrielyan

Members Absent

Garegin Gevorgyan*
Byron Crape*
Arthur Drampian*
Marine Antonyan*
Eric Guevorkian

Guests

Rebecca Carter
Tom Samuelian

* Indicates excused absence

FACULTY SENATE AGENDA

- Quorum Call
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of minutes of April 14, 2011
- Committee Reports
- Research and Scholarship Task Force?
- Brown Bag announcement
- Other business

MINUTES

- **Quorum Call**
Quorum present
- **Approval of April 14, 2011 minutes**
Suggestions for the minutes will be sent in to the FS Secretary who will then incorporate them and send out the final minutes.
- **Committee Reports**
Curriculum Committee (CC)
 - Extension Self-study report was received. A meeting to discuss the report is scheduled with Dr. Boghosian, Audit Committee and the Extension Program.
 - Student Learning Sub-Committee is meeting this coming week.

Ethics and Grievance Committee

No grievances reported

Committee on Extension Programs

CEP has received four course proposals from the Extension Program: three on Linux and one on Drupal content-management system. The courses were approved with some recommendations for changes.

There is still a conflict with the courses offered by the Extension Program and the AUA academic programs due to major overlaps between the two kinds of courses. The audit report of the Extension Program and the Curriculum Committee has addressed this issue too.

Perhaps more work needs be done with the marketing strategies that the Extension Program employs. These concerns will be taken to the Curriculum Committee for consideration as necessary once the extension audit process is complete.

Research and Scholarship Task Force

The final report of the Research and Scholarship Task Force was presented and discussed. The overarching theme of the report is that AUA should broaden its definition of scholarship, which will then impact hiring, retention, and promotion policies. The report also discusses awards for best practices among AUA faculty, researchers, and students. Recommendations include:

- AUA standards for Research and Scholarship (CPR outcome 1 & 2 for Theme 2)
- Recognition of Excellence (CPR outcome 3 for Theme 2)
- Multiple Year Contracts (CPR outcome 4 for Theme 2)

By the end of May, 2011 the RSTF will finalize the report based on new recommendations and submit the finalized report for the next Faculty Senate meeting in June 2011. Of the two recommendations the first two should be approved of by June 2011, according to the WASC timeline.

Course Evaluations Ad-hoc Committee

The Committee has not met yet. Perhaps summer time would be a better time to meet.

Ad-hoc Committee on Building an Inclusive AUA Community

The Committee held a meeting with AUA faculty and Faculty Senate where the resolution was discussed. Based on the recommendations at the meeting, the Committee will revise the resolution and have another meeting with AUA faculty member and Faculty Senate.

- **Brown Bags**

These events could be open to non-faculty members of the AUA community including students, although it has been noted in past discussions that this is one forum at AUA by and for faculty, and as such, it may be wise to not allow student participation. Whom to invite may have to be decided on a case-by-case basis. To begin with, we can include researchers and librarians.

Departments may need to find better ways to disseminate their events including research projects.

We could ask Dr. Danielian to do a Brown Bag meeting next time.

Meeting was adjourned 2:10 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Irshat Madyarov