

Faculty Senate Vice-Chair Report
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During the month of October I represented the faculty senate as senate vice chair at the following meetings: The Assignment Advisory Group (AAG), Academic Deans Academic Council (ADAC), Senate Leadership Committee (SLC) and the ad hoc committee on Academic Integrity Taskforce.

The AAG reviewed a single proposal that came from PSL staff and Chris Scott, Facility Security Officer. This change to Regents Policy 4.65 simply adds a seventh individual to the list of key personnel listed in this Policy. This addition is required by a new federal regulation and was assigned to the administrative track.

ADAC has been informed about the pending Redesign of Surveying Program to address proposed budget reductions. They also voted positively for a proposal to change the name of Women's Studies to Gender Studies and a proposal to reduce the required credits for CMI to 120. Also discussed extensively were the late degree applications, feedback on the regulations section of the catalog, and curriculum changes for Degree Audit/Catalogs. More discussions occurred for the system coding of strictly online international students.

The Academic Integrity Taskforce met in October and continues working to design a central system and unified language for adjudicating instances of academic dishonesty. The taskforce has refined their proposal to include statements referencing the burden of proof, and created additional detail to definitions of violation levels and the resulting outcomes, including suspension and expulsion. An additional request by the General Counsel's office is to now review any items where possible suspension, expulsion, or other forms of discipline are being referenced. The taskforce still plans to submit a finalized proposal sometime this fall.

The SLC met on October 27th 2016 to discuss and form the agenda for today's meeting. Chair Brown was extremely helpful in providing details to the SLC chairman about proposed senate legislation regarding program changes seeking a credit reduction down to 120 credit hours. The senate agenda was approved and the standing committee reports were reviewed. Proposition sponsors were informed as to the process with which to create their propositions and how best to get them passed.