

Faculty Senate Vice-Chair Report
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During the month of September 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 three items, a change to rule 13.10 in the policy manual regarding investments of liquid assets, a deletion of section 4.40 referencing university procedures in case of financial exigency, and a removal of section 1.05.20, a statement regarding the opinions of the board of regents. All three of these changes were routed to the administrative track and will not be directly reviewed by the faculty senate.

ADAC has been modifying the catalog language to clarify the consequences of academic probation for international students. Since probation can reduce the number of allowable credits to be taken, this can have repercussions on international students required to complete a minimum number of credit hours. ADAC has also reviewed and updating their bylaws. The committee is also reviewing changes to university policy regarding intellectual property and the use of 'drones' on campus.

The Academic Integrity Taskforce met in September 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. The taskforce still plans to submit a finalized proposal sometime this fall.

The SLC met on August 29th 2016 to discuss and form the agenda for today's meeting. Chair Brown and former vice-chair Rayson were extremely helpful in providing details to the SLC chairman about proposed senate legislation. The agenda was approved and the standing committee reports were reviewed.