

Faculty Senate Vice-Chair Report
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September 2017

During the month of August, I represented the faculty senate as senate vice chair at the following meetings: The Assignment Advisory Group (AAG) which met on 9/7/17, Academic Deans Academic Council (ADAC) 7/10/17, 7/7/17, 8/14/17, and 8/28/17. The Senate Leadership Committee (SLC) met on 8/31/17.

Items from September 7, 2017 AAG Meeting:

1. No. 5.50; Title: Award of Posthumous Honorary Degree
Summary: This proposed rule revision divides the content of current Rule 6.75 between two rules. Proposed Rule 5.50 will replace Section A. of the current Rule 6.75 and continue to permit the academic departments to initiate an award a degree posthumously to the family of deceased students who met certain academic thresholds. The nomination and approval process starts with the faculty of the student's home department, and involves the major dean or associate vice president for academic affairs at the community colleges, the executive vice president and provost, with final approval by the Board of Regents.
2. No. 18.05; Title: Honorary Degree Awards
Summary: This proposed revision divides the content of current Rule 6.75 between two rules. Proposed Rule 18.05 will replace Sections B. through G. in the current rule. The guiding principles remain much the same (incumbents generally excluded from recognition; ceremonial nature of award for persons who have brought distinction or honor to the university or who have significantly contributed; manner of presentation) The different designations between types of degrees is eliminated and the approval process for award is simplified. Prior to submission to the Board of Regents for consideration, nominations will be vetted by the VP for University Advancement working with an advisory committee consisting at a minimum of the chancellor, a regent designated by the Board of Regents, and for an Honorary Degree to be awarded by a community college, the president of that community college.

ADAC meetings contained discussions regarding: General Education Course Certification Committee, Course Scheduling, Student Complaints, Faculty/Student Publications, Articulation agreements, 5-year Inactivation of courses, New DACC Program Proposal: AAS Game Development, Curriculum templates, Quality initiatives, Distance education director search.

The SLC met on August 31st 2017. The committee approved the agenda for the September senate meeting.