

Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee-Annual Activity Report

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The academic affairs committee met 14 times. During which the following items of concern were discussed or acted upon.

5 Year Academic Calendar. The committee's first task was to update the academic calendar. University Administration advocated for a 2 day fall break and a 3 day Thanksgiving Break. Student Government advocated for keeping the full week. A compromise bill was introduced on October 17, 2018 to allow for a 2 day early start. The compromise bill was embraced by administration at first. After many discussions, the faculty senate accepted the administration's recommendation- a 2-day fall break and a 3-day Thanksgiving Break.

Storage of online courses and data. This was addressed in committee and Floyd Lockhart was invited to senate to discuss this data storage.

18-X Resolution–Reducing Sample Bias in Smartevals Questionnaire via Consistent Student-Feedback Prompting. The resolution was drafted requesting that feedback-initiated commenting fields be remove, retaining only the fixed comment field at the conclusion of the survey.

Faculty Handbook Course Overload Language (Faculty Senate Bill 14-A-13). Currently reads *“In some instances, a faculty member may be asked to teach a remunerated class overload. Normally, a faculty member will teach no more than one overload class per year and not more than one (1) per semester.”* The committee clarified the language to read *“...will teach no more than one overload class per semester.”*

Review of Graduation Roll. Academic Affairs was asked to consider adding a “review of the graduation roll” before each graduation. The committee agreed that the faculty had input concerning the graduate roll through each department and that nothing would be gained by additional input from the faculty senate.

Academic Affairs submitted the following bills for approval.

- 19-A-2 Online Course and Content Policy (pending)
- 19-A-3 Online Course and Content Procedure (pending)
- 19-A-XX Student Evals Policy
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