4/7/22 Faculty Senate

**Present:** Bob Mehalik, Robin Weaver, Emily Sweitzer, Dave Hartley, JP Staszal, Jesse Eiben, Matilda Spencer, Wendy Batts, Jeanne Fazekas, Clover Wright, Brian Oddi, Brent Wilburn, Stephanie Stern, Peter Comas, Candice Riley, Stephanie Stern, Sible, Kristen Schaffner, Libby Larsen

**Guest:** Fawn Petrosky, Dave Hartley, Dr. Dale, Loring Prest

Dr. Dale-

- Met with Kelly Moran and Phillips, shared governance working group. Q. Where does university senate sit with faculty senate? Response. University senate can’t overrule faculty senate regarding curriculum review
- NCAA answered question, business meeting is next week, hope to have decision soon after
- Middle states go ahead. Clarion did well with site visit
- Is integrated senate on same timeline as the shared governance team?
- Integrated faculty senate is moving ahead. Will be meeting next week to get integrated senate started.
- University Senate everyone needs to be informed and understand what is going on between departments

**VP Scott Miller, Dave Hartley representing VP Miller**

- Have gotten nearly all the grad program approved through ICC so that is will be up and running in the system soon (has to be in catalog first).
- Evaluating Gen Ed for undergrad, the gen ed will be about 95% of original gen ed proposal for last year. Gateway course will not be part of gen ed
- Academic Affairs fit team looking at transfer policies, etc. Student evaluation instrument being worked on. Desire to have a tool that faculty can use to approve and will give students a voice. Slight nuances for online and the arts, etc. Will send out to M & D for approval. GO continues to move forward. Goal to provide resources and support. Incorporate best practices into online courses. And consistent experience. Will have green screen on each campus to record.
- GO agreement, was version 1, now on version 8. Course caps revenue concern but also quality. Arizona State model.
- Green screen and will create a virtual space as well. Partnership with Cheyne. Looking at a cohort for instructional design.
- Yugo and Erin Lake should visit Senate to talk about initiatives

**Fawn Petrosky, VP Finance**

- Power point
• Concern was expressed regarding financial projections. Questions posed asking if the university will continue to cut.

• Response by Dr. Dale, New U will continue to investing in program to enroll more students. Retention and recruitment. Where to find resources to do so? As we look to grow those programs, what expenses need to be allocated and what can we get to reinvest. Also, adjusting footprint. There will be demolition, Azorsky, Keystone next. Took residence hall and changed for faculty offices getting ready for occupation. Other revenue generation, Edinboro may sell or
lease a residence hall on outskirts. Touchnet contract, payments for student, changed to one contract rather than 3. Campus master plan, phasing in. Deferred maintenance cost, utility cost. Over past 2-year, 326 FTE staff decrease 21 million savings, savings across campuses, i.e., merged accounting staff into one department. Big task in putting all budget into one and info into one system, streamline registration, debt collection. Educational opportunities, Edinboro has some undeveloped land to work with authorities.

- Consolidated grant writing function. Instead of R1 and R2 grants faculty encouraged to pursue foundation money
- Theater department goes out into schools that is recruitment
- Training to be a speaker about the program. Became a marketer for the institution. They want to hear stories of students; changes we are making in their lives. Programs to build for our future to raise money.
- Representative from biology asked about grants, smaller grants, researcher contracts to provide consultation to get small grants. Venue to support these small grants as a service vendor?
- Response- Not working on this currently but this is an example of a great opportunity we may be able to develop out. Any opportunity to reach out and showcase our expertise is a great idea. If students can get that kind of practical training as a service contract, want to ensure those are able to be done. Dr. Dale requests to connect with the biology faculty about this opportunity.
- School psych department at Cal research institute, meet and greet zoom meeting, savvy in thinking about funding. Our strength is to serve out community.
- Q. looked like a 20-million-dollar deficit, is that a concern? As we increase enrollment and streamline, we hope the deficit will go down. Projections are conservative.
- Cuts in classes, seeing the budget, rightsizing is important for faculty to be aware of on a more regular basis - need to see that there is a plan and there is hope, need to keep faculty informed. Maybe monthly or quarterly – if that could be shared with chairs to distribute to faculty.
- CPP twice a year and update throughout the year
- Debt can be managed if you know what it is, working strategically to manage debt
- In the last 6 months the projects are better than what we thought. 4 million dollars better than what we expected - retirements, sharing of staff resources, always working to improve the
- Every position brought to cabinet, analyzed to justify it is not adding to burden. Faculty development, we are meeting now, admin having retreats. Looking at having retreats for faculty.

Bob Mehalik- update on middle stated recommendation from CalU shared governance meeting in 2 weeks. University senate meeting inaugural meeting next Thursday. Then loop back in. this is separate from Penn West shared governance committee.