

Minutes: Academic & Student Affairs Committee Meeting January 28, 2025, via Teams

The Academic & Student Affairs Committee conducted its January 28, 2025 via Teams to discuss the Shared Governance Survey. Committee Chair Dr. Kristy Oden called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Those attending included Vanessa Barber, Dr. Jana Beaver (proxy for Dr. Doug Barrett), Alyson Bergner, Dr. Miranda Bowie, Dr. Vince Brewton, Dr. Nikki Davenport, Micheal Gilliland, Dr. Kevin Jacques, Dr. Tera Kirkman, Dr. Diane Kutz, John McGee, Dr. Amber Paulk, Dr. Sunhui (Sunny) Sim, Dr. Brien Smith, Dr. Rebecca Smith, Julie Taylor, Dr. KC White, and Dr. Ryan Zayac.

The committee reviewed its charge, membership, and structure. During discussion of the charge, Dr. Jacques noted that the lack of consistent business made it a challenge. Mr. Gilliland reported that in his two years on the committee there have been only two issues to discuss.

When discussing the membership of the committee, Dr. Zayac said that the benefit is that ASA has representatives from faculty, staff, and students. Dr. White noted that, though the title of the committee is Academic and Student Affairs, of the 13 voting members, there is only one person on the committee specifically representing Student Affairs.

Dr. Paulk stated that the committee, at 23 members, is too large to give each person a voice and suggested streamlining the group for better depth of discussion.

Mr. Gilliland also noted that 10 members are nonvoting and wondered if they were on the committee for only guidance purposes.

Dr. Jacques asked why very little work comes to the committee, and said it seems policy work “skirts past” it.

Dr. Paulk said that this committee should inform policy instead of just stamping policies and sending them through. She said she would like ASA to engage in a proactive way.

Dr. Smith, who is part of SGEC, noted that the survey was because SGEC wanted to ask the people doing the actual work what works well and what doesn't. Dr. White, also part of SGEC, said it wanted to evaluate what's in place and work to address any gaps.

Chair Oden will complete the survey to share with the Shared Governance Executive Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

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