

University Faculty Meeting

Friday, April 16, 2021

Noon

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Agenda:

1. Welcome (Painter)
2. UCCAP Defining Document (Green and Michelson)
 1. proposals 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 from March 19 meeting (*voting item*)
 2. additional proposals 5 and 8 (*discussion item*)
3. Other Business (Painter)

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM

Provost Painter welcomed the faculty. He noted that the focus today is on the UCCAP defining documents, additionally we will have a few other topics we need to address in our upcoming meetings, including presentations by Bob Huth, CFO and Eric Kurlander, representing the faculty finance committee; and in the final meeting, a discussion on the work of the QEP task force with Michael McFarland and Stacy Collins.

As you have seen, we will hold a revised academic awards ceremony. The last time we held an academic awards ceremony was two years ago and we had fewer than 100 guests. We have tried to redevelop this into a ceremony into one that reflects and celebrates academic achievement both of our students and our faculty. The ceremony will include top faculty awards like the McEniry, Hand and Hague awards, and superlative student awards such as the McTeer Turner and Algernon Sydney Sullivan award. Dean Neal Mero will offer an academic. We hope you all will join us and will encourage family and friends to attend. This will precede the multiple commencement ceremonies, all which are scheduled outdoor events that will bring our community together. Provost Painter noted his continued growing confidence in the work we are doing here at Stetson.

Dr. Alan Green, Chair of the Faculty Senate discussed the UCCAP Defining document revisions. There are five proposals that were discussed in March up for vote:

- *eliminate continuing education and lifelong learning committee (non-active)*
- *change UCCAP steering group to UCCAP advisory group and require semesterly meetings*
- *eliminate academic planning committee (non-active)*
- *move oversight of UGEC from dean College of Arts and Sciences to Provost*
- *replace workflows with updated workflows that will follow defining document and be reviewed by Senate*

Dr. Stuart Michelson noted that these proposals had been reviewed by UCCAP and forwarded to the Senate and that the UCCAP found them to be non-controversial.

All five proposals above moved and seconded. Motion passes.

Dr. Green reviewed the two additional proposals for consideration which will be voted on later this month, currently planned for April 29th.

- Changing eligibility for UCCAP
 - Change in eligibility – would allow some contingent faculty to serve on UCCAP
- Changing membership to UCCAP and UGEC
 - Replace one College of Arts and Sciences rep with four divisional reps
 - Add chair of graduate council
 - Add chair of graduate committee
 - Add College of Law rep (voting only when College of Law related)
 - Change library rep to voting (currently ex officio)
 - Remove chair of continuing ed and lifelong learning
- Changes in Language
 - Voting SGA rep should have junior or senior status, UCCAP chair elected by voting members, UCCAP members may not have duplicate representative roles

The faculty had an in-depth discussion of the points proposed for the April 29th vote. Stuart Michelson indicated that there was some concern expressed over the SGA voting since if only one rep attends, but is not eligible to vote, there would be no SGA vote. Of particular concern was the suggestion to separate the proposal on CAS representation (from one rep to 4). Much conversation (via chat and audio/video) ensued as to the appropriateness of the proposal, imbalance of representation on the part of CAS, whether this should be about representation or curriculum and if the input/votes should be weighted based upon the size of the Unit. Also discussed were comparisons to how our peers' curriculum review committees are composed, and if Stetson's proposal is aligned with AAUP standards. Many faculty expressed concern by the direction of the conversation and the potential division of votes by college or school.

There was a motion to divide the second point above—"Changing membership to UCCAP and UGEC"—into two sections: one specifically on the first sub-bullet (Replace on College of Arts and Sciences rep with four divisional reps) and another with all remaining sub-bullets in that category.

After discussion, the motion was moved and seconded. Motion passes.

In closing, Provost Painter mentioned that the UCCAP defining documents was incomplete when it was proposed in 2010 and these changes can help in moving this document forward and brings us closer to where the document and Stetson need to be.

Meeting adjourned at 1:03 PM.