Senators Present: Meg Pasquel, Karen Robinson, Becky Brown, Joe Mueller, Karen Koenig, Jeff Cady, Peggy Dodge, Kevin Muller, John Erdmann, Kofi Opong-Mensah, Arthur Lutz, Patricia Seery, Nancy Willet, Shawn Purcell

Senators Absent: none

Guests: none

Minutes

I. Approval and Adoption of the Agenda: adopted with changes (Erdmann/Muller) by all Senators present

II. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of December 6, 2018: approved (Cady/Robinson) by all Senators present except Senators Brown, Mueller, Seery ad Cady abstained

III. Public Requests to Address the Senate on Non-Agenda Items: none

IV. Officers’ Reports

a. President (Meg Pasquel): President Pasquel reported on the department chair retreat during flex week. There was an equivalencies training given by an ASCCC representative. Yolanda Bellisimo will visit the AS on February 7th to present the equivalencies information so the Senators can pass on the information to their respective departments. The Education Master Plan was distributed to discuss next week.

b. Vice President (Karen Robinson): VP Robinson requested that instructors encourage their students to come see the counselors to meet their educational goals. She also had concerns with the most recent paper version of the schedule of classes, in that the room numbers and class instructors were absent. If anyone else had concerns regarding the Spring 2019 schedule of classes, to let her know and she will pass that information on to OIM.

c. Treasurer (Patricia Seery): Treasurer Seery distributed and explained the balances in the two Academic Senate accounts.
V. Committee Reports

Curriculum Committee: none

Academic Standards Committee (Rinetta Early): none

Governance Committees: Senator Cady gave a report for the Facilities Planning Committee, which included an update to the LRC bond construction. The current plan is to have some portable buildings put on the non-grassy area between the AC building and Fusselman, which will start this summer. The LRC will close this summer and the occupants will be temporarily moved to the portables and Fusselman. There has been a procurement committee formed for the new LRC building.

UPM Report (Arthur Lutz): Senator Lutz reported that the UPM luncheon was held during flex week.

VI. Consent Agenda
a. Governance Committee Appointments: none

VII. Action Items: none

VIII. Discussion
a. AP/BP 7120 Employment Recruitment: Senator Erdmann brought up a concern about the actual definition of consensus in regards to this AP, and also stated that the AP should have language that makes sure every hiring committee member has an equal vote. He also is concerned about protecting faculty who are on a hiring committee who feel disenfranchised. Discussion continued about the definitions of consensus, and the potentially problematic situation when the administrator (who has a vote) on the hiring committee is also acting as the HR hiring manager. It was suggested that the AS invite President Coon and VPSL Eldridge to the AS meeting for a discussion regarding about HR’s role in the hiring process. Senators Erdmann and Purcell will work on some of the language changes to the AP and bring it back to the Senate for further discussion.
b. AP/BP 3260 Participation in Local Decision Making: deferred
c. AP 3050 Institutional Code of Ethics: deferred
d. AP 6350 Contracts-Construction: deferred

IX. Adjournment: 2:00 pm

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