

# Committee on Academics

## Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 4:00 P.M.

The Joe Crowley Student Union, President's Conference Room in the Center for Student Engagement

### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Senator Henderson called the meeting to order at 4:01pm in the President's Conference Room of the Joe Crowley Student Union.

### 2. ROLL CALL

Senators Blair, Crooks, Crupi, Henderson, Kohler, and Urquidi were present.

A quorum was present.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

### 4. MINUTES

There are no minutes to approve at this time.

### 5. OLD BUSINESS

#### a) Senator Reports:

##### Senator Blair

She said she presented at the research fair. She said the committee should revise the fair if the event is held again.

Senator Blair said she talked to dean Payne about her idea for a new capstone. He seemed interested but wasn't sure. Dr. Sintani was interested in teaching the class if the class was created.

##### Senator Crooks

She said that she passed out flyers for the major and research fair.

She talked to a professor that she invited to the event and they were enthusiastic about being there.

##### Senator Crupi

He had been working with integrating and creating uniformity within the different engineering majors.

Advising is a key issue for engineering because many majors don't get as much advising help.

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Most engineering advising is not cohesive to everyone graduating in at most five years. It is very difficult to get double majors and minors because of complications of when classes are offered and when students know to get in the classes.

Senator Blair said that in her discussion with dean Payne they talked about professors all scheduling classes at the same time. Dean Payne said the issue is the availability of classrooms. She suggested that the committee works on projects that would create more open classrooms.

Senator Kolher

He said last week was the first meeting of the Undergraduate Research Forum. The meeting was full and everyone there decided that they should have a meeting once a month. The next will be November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Senator Henderson said that everyone should try to attend at least one of the undergrad research meetings during the semester.

Senator Blair said Dr. Mensing is also attending Science 110 classes that people could also attend to share information about undergraduate research.

Senator Urquidi

He said he hung flyers in the dorms for the major and research fair.

Senator Henderson

She thanked the committee for their effort on the Major and Research Fair.

She spoke with speaker Teixeira and they will redo the SAS for the committee and create a handbook for the committee.

As a committee, academics will no longer be planning events. Future events will be delegated to the programming board.

Senator Crupi said last years senate planned too many events. But the need for new legislation can be risky and damage existing legislation.

Senator Henderson agreed that too much legislation is passed for no reason. She said that the committee taking more of a role in helping offices such as Undergrad Research and getting more to student to show up to their events and reach out to offices that need help. She thought a good idea was the classrooms that needed white boards.

- b) Major and Research Fair
- c) Re-writing the definition of the academic committee

Senator Henderson said she thought the definition would come overtime as the committee changes during the semester.

Senator Blair suggested that the definition clearly explain that the committee serves as oversight to other services. If you want to put on an event, help inform and network between students rather than just plan events.

Senator Henderson agreed and said they could write something to programming when events take place so the committee can help with the events but not be responsible for them.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Future goals and ideas

Senator Henderson wanted everyone to review the old definition and come up with ideas for the new definition to be presented at the next meeting.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None at this time.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Senator Henderson adjourned the meeting at 4:14pm.

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