

Detailed ECS Notes from 10/15/2021

Report from the Chair

- *On Faculty Forums:* The dates for the upcoming Faculty Forums on Shared Governance are set for Wednesday, October 27, 10:00-11:00 am and Thursday, October 28, 2:30-3:30 pm. Please register to be sent a Zoom link. The Faculty Forums will “discuss shared governance as it has been practiced at GV, and review some challenges and opportunities”. For the first half, we will have the Provost and designees present to provide input, feedback or perspectives on any questions pertaining to the administration. The second half will be an “all faculty session” without administrators present. In moderating the session, we will try to exercise scope discipline to keep the discussions focused. We would like to hear from faculty obviously and expect faculty to feel free to express themselves. However, we will not maximize the benefits of these sessions if they turn into “free-for-all with no guidelines”. We will have to keep the scope in view and keep things from going off track. The hope is that these sessions don’t turn into an unconstrained airing of grievances about things outside the scope of faculty governance. This isn't to say that an unconstrained airing of grievances is a bad idea; it's just not what these sessions are set up to be.
- *On the November 10 & 11 Teach-In:* Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to submit proposals (deadline has been extended to Monday, October 25), and to volunteer to host/moderate sessions.
- *On the Next ECS Meeting of October 29:* The agenda contains the following items: Discussion of Peer Review Pilot with an Update from FPPC; APSC Memo on Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) Policy-Undergraduate; OEMC Memo on Leadership and Succession Planning; GC Memo on Dual Level Enrollment Policy Change; Discussion of the Title IX Task Force Recommendations; and VAT Update.

Report from the Provost

- *On RH2025 Way Forward:* The President has emailed dates and registration information for conversations. The Provost and ECS members noted that there were fewer than 10 dates, the Provost will follow up with the President.

Report from the Student Senate President

- Getting feedback on how to improve Battle of the Valleys
- Many students came to meeting for open comment last week regarding campus dining and contract with Aramark
- Hosting Open Educational Resources (OER) symposium and roundtable later this month. Dates are on website
- Sponsoring a food drive in November

New Business

- *On Reach Higher 2025 and Way Forward:* President Mantella sent dates and registration information for the opportunities for faculty to engage in conversations about the strategic plan. The RH25 Steering Committee will be adding new members to hear from a variety of voices. The ECS Chair asked UAS members to share their rationale for supporting or not supporting RH2025 in order to better understand the concerns of faculty. When asked, the Student Senate President said that what students liked about the plan was the student-centeredness and opportunity to be involved in their education. ECS agreed that the response memo from President Mantella with a proposal for a way forward was acceptable but we added other expectations that we believe will help strengthen the proposal and hopefully ensure more engagement from our faculty colleagues. Some of our expectations are the following: Increase the number of faculty representatives in the steering committee of RH2025; The steering committee of RH2025 to provide regular updates on what is happening with the RH2025 revisions (weekly summary of feedback shared with all campus community, and regularly include on the agenda of ECS/UAS as well as weekly meeting summary from ECS/UAS). We emphasized that ECS has a role to preserve the integrity of the process.

- *On Title IX:* ECS heard from individuals who recently resigned from the Title IX Office regarding their concerns about the Office. ECS created a task force to determine a way forward on the Title IX issues and report back to ECS at the October 29 meeting.