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Approved SAPC Minutes 19 November 2021 2:30pm

In attendance: Joanna Abdallah, Lee Dixon, Sharon Gratto, Jay Janney, Allison Kinney, Ryan McEwan, Grace Pierucci, Madison Woodrum

Regrets: Maureen Keane-Sexton, Andy Slade, Tom Skill, John White

1. Meeting called to order at 2:33 pm.
 2. Meeting minutes were approved with minor revisions.
 3. SET/Classroom Climate Sub-Committee Meeting Report
 - a. Sharon is concerned about overlap between SAPC and the SET/Classroom Climate Sub-Committee. The sub-committee is focused on giving a students more information to complete SET in a more constructive way and focused on giving students a venue to report concerns about classroom climate.
 - b. Current work is focused on preparing a statement that could be included in a syllabus and developing a way for students to submit concerns through Isidore throughout the semester (not just through SETs).
 - c. Question: Are there conflicts between the student concern reporting form with mandatory reporting of certain concerns (e.g., discrimination)?
 - d. Suggestion: Put a link to concern reporting form in all syllabi or on Isidore.
 - e. Question: Where is the information submitted on the form going? Complaints will range from minor grade disputes to real discrimination concerns.
 - f. **Sharon pointed out the effort to involve undergraduate international students in these conversations and was able to receive assistance from Tim Kao to recruit an international student to join this Task Force.**
 4. ECAS Meeting Report
 - a. **Sharon was rushed in the time she had to report to ECAS because other presenters used much of the available time.**
 - b. The report has circulated on campus and concerns have been brought up that we are recommending abolishing SET (which is not our recommendation). Possibly more people will be in attendance at Academic Senate today.
 5. Sharing of presentation to Academic Senate Meeting 19 November 2021. Sharon reviewed the presentation she will give at Academic Senate.
 - a. Brief history of SAPC's work on SET and classroom climate since 2019.
 - b. Summary of work from Fall 2021 including review of consultation with partners across campus.
 - c. Summary of perceptions of SET
 - d. Issues that can negatively impact SET scores
 - i. Suggestion: Mention Jana Bennett's report findings about inappropriate comments in SET (Sharon will call on Lee to **present this** during meeting).
 - e. SAPC recommendations to date
 - i. Suggestion: We need to be careful that we do not say that we blame students, but that that we are aiming to reduce bias with SET.
 - ii. Suggestion: Clearly explain that we are not recommending removing SET scores, but removing comparison of SET scores between people.
 - f. Incomplete consensus on specific issues
 - g. Concluding Statement
 - h. Strongest point: Multiple measures must be used to evaluate teaching.
 6. The meeting adjourned at 3:20, in time for the Academic Senate Meeting.
- Minutes recorded by Allison Kinney.