

DEANS COUNCIL

Wojtowicz. Narketta Sparkman-Key and Nina Gonsse were discussed.

1. The March 9, 2021 minutes were approved.
2. Excite the Dream

Narketta Sparkman-Key informed Council members that the Excite the Dream event is planned for the fall, tentatively on October 3-5. The decision has not been made on whether to hold the event virtually or face-to-face. Kate Hawkins reminded the Deans that their support will be needed for travel and hotel costs if it is held face-to-face.

3. SREB Recruiting

Narketta Sparkman-Key presented a video on Friday, April 16 and was a recruiter. Dr. Sparkman-Key hopes to recruit students hopefully face-to-face.

4. Faculty Senate Issue A

Robert Wojtowicz discussed the issue of unaffiliated students. The proposed change would raise the GPA once the overall GPA is calculated, which is consistent with the current policy. The proposal was edited to clarify the honor suspension. In addition, the proposal would affect unaffiliated students.

Council members supported the proposal by Broderick for approval in the Graduate Catalog.

5. Faculty Senate Issue AY20-17-C Course Load Distribution to be Renamed Credit Hour Distribution with Policy Clarification

Robert Wojtowicz presented proposed changes to the graduate policy on Course-Load Distribution. The name of the policy has been changed to Credit-Hour Distribution as this more accurately reflects the contents of the policy. The language has been revised to state more clearly what credits are being counted when applying the 3/5 rule. In addition, the Education Specialist degree has been changed to align with master's degrees with regard to the credit-hour distribution.

Council members supported the proposed changes, which will be forwarded to President Broderick for approval. If approved, the revised policy will be included in the 2021-22 Graduate Catalog.

6. Faculty Senate Issue AY20-21-F Changes to Schedule for Review for Tenure and Promotion in Rank

Kate Hawkins presented the Faculty Senate's recommendation for proposed changes to the schedules for review for tenure and for promotion in rank. The proposed changes to the schedules allow external reviewers more time to complete their reviews and internal committee members more time to conduct their reviews of applications.

Council members supported the proposed changes to the schedules for tenure and promotion in rank. The schedule changes will not go into effect until the 2022-23 academic year. Both the current schedules and the schedules for 2022-23 will be included in the July update of the Teaching and Research Faculty Handbook. The changes to the schedules will be sent to President Broderick for information.

7. Faculty Senate Issue AY20-26-F Seeking Clarity Regarding Qualifications for Early Tenure

Kate Hawkins discussed the Faculty Senate's recommendation to revise the policy on Tenure to clarify the expectations and qualifications for early tenure. The current policy has three passages on early applications for tenure that are not consistent and are confusing to faculty who are considering applying early for tenure.

- Faculty members must have “met or exceeded the expectations of quantity and quality of achievements for teaching, scholarship, research, and service needed to qualify for tenure.”
- “The criteria for the award of tenure for such faculty will be the same as for those who apply after the normal probationary time period.”
- “It is the sense of the Board of Visitors that only demonstrably exceptional faculty or faculty with equivalent experience at a commensurate rank at

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C. Austin Agho asked Council members to submit agenda items for the weekly Academic Affairs Leadership Team meetings. If there are no agenda items, the upcoming meeting will be cancelled.