

Governance Task Force Meeting Minutes | April 26, 2019

Notes:

- Dr. Savoie opened the meeting and each person introduced her/himself and department
- Defined Governance as providing voice, empowerment, and autonomy
- Discussed current structure which includes Faculty Senate, GSO, Student Government
- By the numbers (according to Paul Thomas)
 - o Unclassified staff: ~600 (currently not represented)
 - o Classified staff: ~350 (currently not represented)
 - o Faculty: ~639
 - Part-time faculty is currently one per college, so this group is under-represented in faculty senate
- Different groups within larger categories:
 - o Faculty:
 - Tenured / non tenured
 - Professor Rank: Full / Assistant / Associate
 - Full-time / Adjunct
 - o Staff:
 - Classified / unclassified (includes faculty and professional staff)
- Committee structure and membership (mindful of diversity of membership in terms of these larger categories)
- Looking ahead:
 - o What would these bodies be charged with? Policy making? Review?
 - Must provide support and some decision-making authority or else they can't function
 - o Dr. McKinney and Dr. Hebert will research governance structures at peer institution
 - Not many in-state examples
 - University of Kansas example reviewed
 - SREB and SACSOC peer institutions
 - "staff council" (Dr. Hebert's previous institution)
 - o Transparency and Communication:
 - provide a central place for resources, minutes, agendas and decisions to be stored and easily accessed
 - University policy website, ULink, Faculty senate website
 - o Reconvene in fall; make decision and implement by end of fall

Handouts:

- Governance section from Strategic Plan (pages 35-37)
- Example of University of Kansas' governance structure