

Date: 11 February 2020
To: SEC / Senate
From: D.J. Hopkins, Chair, Academic Policy and Planning Committee
Subject: Information: AP&P referrals and other business

The Academic Policy and Planning Committee met on 28 January 2020.

In October, AP&P received the following referral from the Senate Executive Committee: *Develop a policy for Senate PBAC appointments*. In response, AP&P returns the attached policy recommendation re: the President's Budget Advisory Committee (PBAC). My thanks to the AP&P subcommittee that drafted this policy.

AP&P has finalized the ERG report in collaboration with Undergraduate Council which, as always, wrote a substantial first draft. The chair thanks AVP Norah Shultz for her leadership. See report attached.

Given that the ERG compendium will not be produced as it has been in the past, AP&P has discussed how to review enrollment, retention, and graduation data in the future. The committee decided that we will evaluate the Tableau Dashboard more frequently and will report on data (such as that related to Pell students, commuter rates, demographic distribution, local students, first time first year vs. transfer percentages, and retention and graduation rates across subgroups). Reports based on this evaluation will come to Senate from AP&P on average once per semester.

At the last SEC meeting, AP&P recalled the first draft of its proposal re: Procedure for Electing Senate Representatives on PBAC. The proposal was revised to include staff among those eligible for seats on PBAC. The new policy was approved and is returned to SEC. See attached Action item.

In November, AP&P was asked to consider a proposal before the Senate re: Scholars at Risk. Our comment on the proposal was included in our previous Information memo. Upon receipt of a lightly revised version of this proposal, the committee revisited the proposal and our discussion. The committee decided that no new action will be taken. For reference, below is the November statement.

AP&P supports Scholars at Risk. We regard with compassion the plight of fellow academics in dangerous circumstances around the globe. We encourage those SDSU programs with the resources to engage with Scholars at Risk. The committee does not support holding a University Senate resolution on this matter. Faculty lines, regardless of the funding source, are among most scarce resources on our campus.

AP&P welcomed Radhika Seshan, Dean, SDSU World Campus to our meeting. We discussed two items related to World Campus. First, we reviewed a proposal that all courses on campus should be reviewed and approved by the relevant chair or director and the relevant Dean, including World Campus courses. Dean Seshan pointed out that this proposal aligns with existing World Campus policy, and therefore would offer no obstacle. See attached Action item.

The other World Campus item was a referral from SEC related to the change of nomenclature from "college" to "campus." Neither Dean Seshan nor anyone on AP&P saw a policy linked to this nomenclature. The referral was discussed, and AP&P deems the matter settled.

Two program actions were reviewed and approved: a new Psychology emphasis in Neuroscience and a program deletion in Theatre.

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Attachments