

Meeting Minutes
Governance Steering Council (GSC)
March 13, 2014

Present: Sydney Comitz, Dan Gerlowski, Catherine Johnson, Margarita Cardona

Absent: Giordana Segneri, Michael Carrington

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 16, 2014 GSC meeting were approved.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved

3. Updates from the constituent bodies:

Faculty - The faculty had no report

Staff - At their last meeting, the staff heard a presentation from the career center. There are 5 staff senate members with expiring terms. Elections will take place before April 14 so they will have their executive board in place in time for the GSC handoff meeting in May. CUSS hosted its Legislative Day. The Staff recognition committee submitted regents award nomination packets and is now communicating with HR regarding staff awards, consideration for a "group award" and the lack of parity between staff and faculty awards. The Staff Senate brought concerns regarding a recent communication from HR. GSC will draft and send a communication on the matter to the university president.

Students - Students are preparing for elections. The SGA is encouraging participation in UB Awards. At a recent meeting, students passed three resolutions for: the expansion of the game room, a more strict Bee Card policy and minor comments about the revision of the UB Mission Statement. They had a successful "evening breakfast" event and are preparing for the UB Block Party. 10 students from UB attended Lobby Day. Students are interested in some standardization in the way Sakai is used in courses.

4. Composition of Facilities Committee:

The Staff Senate brought forward a concern about the lack of representation from the Center for Educational Access (CEA) on the facilities committee. That center should be included in facilities committee discussions as they are responsible for ensuring ADA compliance on campus and that facilities are suitable for access issues. The Governance Steering Council will instruct the chair of the facilities committee to invite the CEA Director or her designee to all future meetings.

5. Request written reports from University Committees at end of year.

The GSC will request written reports from each committee to be submitted by the May 15 meeting. These reports should summarize the committee's annual work and are important for the GSC handoff meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Catherine Johnson