

Minutes of the Forum Meeting of Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Mark Decker called the meeting to order on April 21, 2021 at 3:00 PM via Zoom meeting.

Present: Ali Ozdogan, Amy Eitzen, Andira Dodge, Asa Kelley, Carrie Winship, Cassandra Sachar, Charlotte Droll, Claudia Thrush, Courtney Paddick, Dan Knorr, Daryl Fridley, Dave Kube, David Heineman, Dawn Orzolek, Deborah Stryker, Deby Krum, Diana Rogers-Adkinson, Elizabeth Stauder, Eric Hawrelak, Eric McCabe, Erik Evans, Gay Spezialetti, George Agbango, Gretchen Osterman, Heather Feldhaus, Hilary DeBardleben, James Black, James Brown, Jerry Reed, John Riley, Kara Shultz, Kenneth Hall, Kerrie DeVries, Kristina Wood, Luke Springman, Mark Decker, Marty Wygmans, Mary Vezendy, Melissa Buck, Michael McFarland, Mindy Andino, Noah Wasielewski, Peter Kelly, Rebecca Bourgault, Sam Choi, Terina Oman, Tim Pelton, Todd Shawver, Tom Fletcher, Whitney Robenolt

1. **Approval of the Agenda of April 21, 2021**

A motion to approve the agenda was approved by acclamation.

2. **Approval of the Minutes of March 24, 2021**

A motion to approve the minutes was made by George Agbango, seconded by Eric Hawrelak. The minutes were approved by acclamation.

3. **Reports by Standing Committees:**

a. **BUCC:**

Ken Hall reported the final BUCC meeting for the semester was scheduled for April 28th where there would be a first read for a General Education policy regarding Goal 8 language credits for international students with English as a second language.

b. **General Administration Committee**

There was no report regarding the GAC aside from the First Read of PRP 6538 which is included below in #6.

c. **Planning and Budget**

Diana Rogers-Adkinson reported the committee met March 25th for the final time this semester to discuss the budget implications of federal relief funds due to Covid as well as enrollment updates. Undergraduate enrollment has decreased this past year, primarily due to covid, while graduate enrollment has slightly increased during the same time.

d. **Student life**

There was no report regarding Student Life aside from the discussion of a new PRP regarding Time, Place, and Manner which is included below in #7.

4. **Integration Update**

Diana Rogers-Adkinson reported the academic array is being clarified and finalized in preparation for the Board of Governor's meeting April 28th. There will be a 60-day communication period following the meeting as well as public forums to be announced.

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5. **Informational Reading PRP 3465 Posthumous Degree**

BUCC approved this policy which formalizes protocols and procedures for students who have passed away having taken a majority of credits to graduate to earn either a degree or a degree in memoriam.

6. **First Reading: PRP 6538 Tuition Waiver**

Jerry Reed explained revisions to an existing tuition waiver to ensure equal representation among various campus entities. There will be a second reading in September.

7. **Informational Discussion: Interim PRP Manner, Time, Place**

Gretchen Osterman and Dan Knorr presented information about a new PRP regarding expressive activities on campus. This policy will be finalized and implemented as an interim policy this summer with formal consideration at the September meeting.

Dan explained that the policy will define expressive activities as well as the parameters to be followed on campus allowing for 1st Amendment rights as well as those of the university.

There will be content-neutral guidelines for both on and off-campus groups to ensure free speech as well as ensuring activities do not interfere with the BU mission or operations.

8. **Open Forum**

An announcement was made regarding available covid vaccinations at the Berwick Hospital.

There was a call for volunteers to help paint the Bloomsburg Town Pool.

A reminder was given about President Hanna's Staff/Faculty Town Hall meeting April 22nd.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.