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Members Present:  Jennifer Alvey, Elizabeth Cunningham, Marquetta Hall, Kui-Bin Im, Nick Kingsley, Dan Lair (Chair), Vickie Larsen, Marilyn McFarland, Jie Song, Rie Suzuki

Absent:  Doug Knerr, Abdulrahman Salmon

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chair Dan Lair.

Approval of Minutes ► Nick Kingsley moved to approve the minutes of February 21, 2018. Marilyn McFarland seconded, motion approved.

Faculty Council Report ► N. Kingsley noted two recent meetings have been held in Executive Session (no report), with evaluations of Chancellor and other administrators as key work. Faculty Council has been working through GECC Moratorium. Faculty Council’s view seems to be that GECC did not have the authority to put moratorium in place, but Faculty Council does not have the authority to lift the moratorium. GECC indicated to Faculty Council that it was not interested in lifting moratorium. Faculty Council believes that new General Education courses can be approved and rolled out at the unit level without GECC approval. J. Alvey asked how, then, does a General Education designation get approved and put into the catalog? N. Kingsley answered that he was not sure, but units may not know that they have the ability to set General Education designation on their own. D. Lair noted that he had informed the provost informally the several AAAC members thought an announcement should come from the provost, but that we had not made a formal recommendation for such an announcement. Does AAAC want to make a formal suggestion to Provost that he communicate to campus community that General Education moratorium is technically lifted (Faculty Council has sent memo to GECC that they should continue their work).

Motion: AAAC recommends that the Provost communicate to campus that new Gen Ed courses can be submitted for approval. Communication should include a statement that Provost will assist to the extent possible with catalog changes for 2018-2019. Where not possible, Provost will assist with academic standards/review committee petitions where appropriate. Approved unanimously.

Academic Calendar Guidelines ► N. Kingsley introduced generic academic calendar he had worked on given attempts to lengthen winter break by one week. R. Suzuki reported that a SHPS student sample was positively inclined to prospective changes. L. Cunningham asked about calendar start/end dates impact on 9-month employment contracts. D. Lair reported that academic calendar start date is apparently not an issue in regards to contract dates, as per HR discussion during 2017. There are bureaucratic issues, but they can be overcome. V. Larsen stated we should aim for 14 full weeks of instruction wherever possible (14 Mondays, Tuesdays,…Fridays). D. Lair noted if we could make finals work on a shorter schedule, 14 of each day of the week is easier to make happen.
Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.