

Pathway Goal: Infrastructure and Shared Governance

Action Item #

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Report:

Mid-Year: December 2016

Year-End: April 2017

Action Item Description:

Shared Governance:

(a) Update the web page to follow University guidelines.

(b) Develop and implement a faculty senate dashboard/feedback portal to enhance shared governance decision making.

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Provide a written overview of the year-long process for your working group.

Members of this working group met approximately on a monthly basis in order to make progress toward the development of a new Faculty Senate website. Members would make plans as a group; work independently to carry out individual tasks; and then come together as a group to share progress, gather feedback, and make additional plans.

2016-17 Accomplishments

The first task carried out by the group was to conduct a needs assessment to see where the existing website was failing to meet current requirements and to determine what the new website would need to accomplish. The second task was a thorough review of the Faculty Senate websites of institutional peers and aspirational research universities. These two efforts helped to provide direction for a new design. The new design was created and new website content was generated. The group then met with staff from UNLV Web Communications to ensure that the development of the new Faculty Senate website could be scheduled into the existing timeline of other website upgrades. The Faculty Senate also wanted to ensure that a communications/updates page and other sections of the website would be directly accessible to Senate staff members and/or members of the FS Executive Committee for immediate posting of new material without requiring the submission of a work request to Web Communications.

Recommendations

It is critical for the UNLV campus to have a well-designed and highly functional Faculty Senate website for the use of faculty, staff, students, and others external to the institution. Ideally, this website will also display interactive dashboards of faculty-related metrics and implement some sort of communication and feedback portal to better facilitate faculty involvement in university governance. The new website must include a substantially improved policy repository, which will require cooperation and coordination with the Provost's office. To the extent possible, the Faculty Senate should have control to update its website directly.

2017-18 Next steps

- **What should the goals / activities be for the subcommittee?**
- **Who should be responsible?**

The group must finalize the design and content for the website. Current plans are to complete this work over the summer and upcoming fall semesters. Then, in the spring, the group will start planning for the dashboard, feedback portal, and policy repository. The Office of the Faculty Senate and the Faculty Senate Executive Committee are jointly responsible for planning and carrying out the above tasks. There will be additional involvement from other volunteer members of the Faculty Senate.

Please review the list below and “X” the appropriate box(es).

- Potential resources required
- Any reports generated by this working group
- Metrics to be used
- No additional reference material

Any additional information you wish to share.

Successful deployment of the new Faculty Website and its advanced content will require the assistance of staff from Office of Web Communications, the Data Warehousing group in the Office of Information Technology, the Office of Decision Support, and the Office of the Executive Vice President & Provost.