

Governance Review Council (GRC)

November 1, 2023: 2:00 to 3:00 pm on Zoom

Minutes

1. Approved Agenda
2. Approved Minutes from Sept 6, 2023
3. Discussion
 - a. Welcomed new student member, Albee Bodle, and made introductions.
 - b. PGS survey

Looked at numbers of each constituent group and discussed why.

- **Students in ASCOM** are required to be on a committee, but it is told him about it. **A possible recommendation would be to ask faculty to encourage students to get involved.**
- **Classified Professionals** have CPLC – which sends out requests for volunteers to everyone and then makes the appointment. Joanna mentioned that in the last few years various positions have been eliminated and the work that still needed to be done had been redistributed. So classified professionals have less time to volunteer for committee work. Their unions had tried to get flex credit for committee work but did not succeed.
- **Regarding faculty:** Sara mentioned that for faculty, the senate president can make a broad request to everyone, but then no one answers. Because faculty do not have flexibility with their teaching office hour schedule, she had made targeted requests after checking schedules. Not sure how it works now. Faculty do not receive any flex credit for PGS committee participation.
- **Managers** are appointed by the president, and they do not have a choice to not do it....

What happens with the info gained in the survey.

- In the past, GRC has made recommendations which are sent on to College Council or pertinent person. The recommendations have resulted in the PGS brochure, a re-design of the website, convocation presentations, incorporation into flex workshops or new staff/faculty orientations.
- Sadika requested that **the days/times that committees meet be put on the home page of the PGS website**. This had been requested, but they were put at the top of each committee's webpage instead. Sara has now added them to the homepage for every committee. This makes it easier for anyone to see on one page this information to better choose what they could volunteer for.

Budget transparency and how decisions are made

- A couple of the comments in the survey concerned more transparency about the budget, and how PRAC comes to decisions and where it goes from there.
- Tony suggested asking **Greg (and/or Tony) to do a (flex?) presentation on the budget** – how to read it, how it works, who decides what; and for that matter where to find the information (on the fiscal reports page).
- It was also suggested to record the presentation, so it could be available on the website.

How the committees work presentations

- Suggestions included:
 - Put photos of committees on the homepage
 - Make a video of people talking about their experiences on committees to put on website or show at convocation. This would be more dynamic.
 - Make a video of a meeting that could be posted to YouTube. Question – are Board of Trustees meetings still recorded/live-streamed?
 - Albee suggested putting up posters, asking faculty to talk about participatory governance and encourage participation.

- Sadika and Joanna mentioned the TV screens now located in various campus locations – that information could be put there as well. Joanna can add info to the Performing Arts one(s) and Sadika has access to the Student Services and AC screens.

c. PGS Committee make-up currently – deferred to next time.