A&S Senate Meeting Minutes  
September 11, 2023, 11:30AM - 1:00PM  
Zoom meeting

- Call To Order at 11:30am.
- Acceptance of the Agenda
  The motion to accept the agenda is carried.
- Approval of May 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes
  The approval of the minutes is carried.
- Opening Remarks and Report: J. Torre, A&S Senate President
  - Welcomed everyone to the first Fall 2023 A&S Senate meeting.
  - Thanked returning senators and welcomed the new senators joining A&S Senate.
  - Announced the new Membership Committee and introduced new committee chairs.
  - Discussed professional obligation or workload with the Provost and mentioned faculty appointment letters need more clarity.
  - Will reach out to various groups to get feedback on the latest proposals for bylaw amendments.
  - The provost will attend A&S Senate meeting in October.
  - Deans will be asked to present throughout this year but we have changed the focus to 'remarks' vs. 'reports' to ensure a more informal and collegial approach.
  - Mentioned Senate empty seats and asked for assistance to fill them up as soon as possible.
  - Tracey Iorio will be presented as President Pro Tempore for the 2023-2024 academic year. This is until we have a VP/P candidate who has accepted.
- Remarks from Interim Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, S. Germana
  - Presentation can be viewed here.
  - Petitions increased nearly 50% in the last 8 years.
  - We face two challenges:
- The volume is very difficult for the faculty executive officer to engage with.
- The student impacts.
  - The chair of CASA wants to modify the process, to allow departments to issue students permission directly. The benefits will be shorter wait time for students and making it a much more manageable process.
  - It will be helpful to allow departments to maintain more control over how they facilitate students getting into courses or not.

- Remarks from Interim Dean of the College of Arts Sciences, A. Drees
  - Introduced himself and briefly mentioned his vision about operation of College of Arts and Sciences.
  - Had preliminary conversations with Associate Dean for Research and Innovation, regarding making changes to the promotion and tenure process.

- Remarks from the PEG Board Co-Chair, T. Iorio
  - Introduced herself and mentioned about her service to the senate.
  - Discussed having a Professional Senate allows professionals to have a bigger voice on campus.

- Report from Promotion and Tenure Committee - Senior, V. Roncero-Lopez, Chair
  - Explained the committee charge.
  - Briefly described work of the committee.
  - Explained few pressure points the committee is facing.

- Old Business – No old business.

- New Business:
  
  - Discussion: Impediments to service on A&S Senate Committees?

- Adjournment at 1pm.