

D R A K E U N I V E R S I T Y  
FACULTY SENATE MEETING AGENDA

The Drake University Faculty Senate will meet in regular session on  
**May 6, 2015 in Cowles Library Room 201 at 3:30 p.m.**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of April 2015 minutes
4. Report from President Maxwell

**NOTE: If any Senator would like to submit a question for President Maxwell for the meeting, please email that question to President Wright ([david.wright@drake.edu](mailto:david.wright@drake.edu)) and/or President Maxwell ([david.maxwell@drake.edu](mailto:david.maxwell@drake.edu))**

5. Report from Acting Provost Lenz
6. Report from President Wright  
Student Senate Report
7. Unfinished Business      none known
8. New Business

Motion A) RESOLVED: That the Faculty Senate endorses a process for revision of the charges of the University Curriculum Committee (UCC) and the Drake Curriculum Analysis Committee (DCAC).      Bruce Gilbert

RESPONSIBLE PARTIES AND TIMELINE:

The incoming Chairs of the UCC and DCAC should work over the Summer (in consultation with appropriate faculty and administrators) to draft potential revisions. The UCC and DCAC should then review and amend (as necessary) any proposed changes and forward a report to Senate Exec no later than October 2015.

SCOPE / GOAL OF REVISIONS:

The purpose of any revisions should be to make the work of the two Committees more integrated, intentional and meaningful. Specifically, the goals must be to ensure that ongoing change and reform processes are: Outcome-driven, data-driven, and sustainable over time. Also, any changes that stress the importance of service on these two vital committees should also be encouraged.

In support of the above goals, examples of the kind of changes the two Committees should consider include (but not be limited to) the following:

- 1) Establishing a set meeting time.
- 2) Establishing of joint annual meeting(s) of the two Committees.
- 3) For UCC: Changes in processes that will streamline the review of individual course approvals for AOIs and FYS, and make those processes more outcome- (instead of input- ) driven.
- 4) For DCAC: Establishing a Vice-Chair position (similar to that currently required for UCC)
- 5) Establishing an ongoing Calendar of Review for reporting and recommendations to Senate that will break the "End of Year" cycle by allowing Senate to review, vet, and discuss proposed changes much earlier in the AY.

*RATIONALE: The good work of the UCC and DCAC in AY 2013-2014 demonstrates that there is potential for ongoing growth, experimentation and nurturing of best practices within the context of existing curricular committees. There have also been several successful efforts to re-invigorate existing committees to give those committees' efforts more substance, e.g., the recently passed updated charge to the Senate Budget Committee. Thus, the two committees' charges should be revised to ensure greater ongoing collaboration, and to increase the faculty's direct ownership of reform and improvement processes."*

Motion B) To revise the Board of Student Communications committee description

Bart Schmidt

Current language:

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  1. Faculty members will serve staggered, two year appointments. At least three of the faculty members will be from the faculty of instruction.
  2. Student members will serve for one-year appointments. Of the four student members, one shall be the elected School of Journalism and Mass Communication Senator, one shall be the Student Senate **Technology Liaison**, and one shall be a student in at least their second-year at Drake who is not active in an editorial board position of any publication and who is appointed by the Student Body President. The BSC organizational chiefs shall chose the fourth member of the BSC in the first two weeks of the fall semester via majority vote. In the event of a tie, the student co-chair shall cast the deciding vote.

Proposed language:

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9. Adjournment