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SUBJECT: Annual Senate Committee Report

Policies/Items completed during 2017-18

- Met with the Chair of Public Health to discuss advising and recruitment strategies that are successful in that program.
- Met with Directors of Student Success from all of the Colleges throughout the University to discuss various initiatives, progress, areas for improvement, how faculty can be involved, etc.
- Recommended that each college develop an Advising Committee within the college – and proposed that the college’s AAS representative serve as a member on this committee. This recommendation was forwarded to EPC.
- Recommended that the composition of the AAS be reconsidered, and developed specific recommendations related to this. These recommendations were forwarded to EPC.

Ongoing Policies/Items

- Continue to be a forum/place where faculty involvement in advising initiatives is considered.
- Involve the campus advising community in meetings, communicate and make recommendations related to faculty involvement in advising, involvement in implementing EAB, etc.
- Make more formal policy re-write related to the composition of AAS. Discuss with Chair of the Academic Senate to confirm this goal and discuss in relation to larger goals / possible restructuring of standing committees and subcommittees.
- Assess faculty perceptions of various advising initiatives.

Future Policies/Items and Recommendations

- Continue to involve the campus advising community in AAS, provide input, recommendations, etc.
- Discuss the aims and goals of AAS with the Executive Secretary and Academic Senate Chair regularly.

Feedback and Recommendations

- Clarify and re-clarify the specific purpose of the AAS subcommittee, its relation to other committees, and develop a refined vision. Remember that it is OK to be a place where information is communicated, disseminated, input and recommendations are made, collaborations are established, etc. A lot of good can come from this, regardless of whether specific policy is being proposed/revised.