September 16, 2019

Christopher Laws
Chair, Faculty Council on Student Affairs

Dear Professor Laws,

The Faculty Council on Student Affairs is charged with “responsibility for all matters of policy relating to non-academic student affairs such as financial aid, housing, regulation of social affairs, eligibility rules, intercollegiate athletics, and general student welfare” (Faculty Code, Sec 42-38). Activities historically performed include addressing a prioritized list of student-related concerns, inquiries, and interests in council meetings, especially by way of inviting key administrators and stakeholders to provide supplementary information and to receive faculty and student feedback on the issues at-hand.

Our recommendation is that the council identify specific goals that can be accomplished by the end of the 2019-20 academic year.

The Senate office did a background review to help identify goals for your council. This included review of minutes from last year’s meetings, review of discussions at Faculty Senate meetings, and selected outreach for topics. Recommended goals and / or topics for discussion include:

- Develop a Class C resolution that addresses issues around required medical excuse notes and a desired University policy that might address both faculty and student concerns.
- Work with Student Life and ASUW to address and support student mental health concerns.
- Continue to monitor various Student Life-related ongoing initiatives and provide feedback.

After your first council meeting we will be available to discuss the goals your council identified. Thereafter, we will post your council’s goals on the Faculty Senate website to communicate the important work you are doing.

Many thanks to you and the members of your council, on behalf of Senate Leadership and the faculty of the University, for all your time and work this coming year. I wish you all the best and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Joseph Janes
Chair, Faculty Senate