

ACADEMIC COUNCIL
April 14, 2008
SUB Banquet Rooms A126 and A131
4:00-5:30

Those present: Dr. Frank Novotny, Professor Margaret Doell, Dr. Carol Guerrero-Murphy, Dr. Kurt Keiser, Dr. Kim Kelso, Dr. Bill Lipke, Dr. Michael Martin, Dr. Matt Nehring, Dr. Aida Sahud, Dr. Mary Valerio, Dr. Susan Varhely, and Dr. Brent Ybarrondo

Absent: Dr. Ed Crowther and Dr. Anthony Laker

Guests: Dr. Tim Armstrong, Dr. Benita Brink, and Ms. Heather Heersink

Discussion Items:

New Budget Policy

Dr. Novotny introduced Ms. Heersink, Budget Director, who provided copies of the proposed new budget policy to those who did not already have a copy. The policy came about in an effort to improve the budget process and make it more transparent. The policy was put together by a “Tiger Team” type of group consisting of Dr. Timothy Armstrong, Ms. Heather Heersink, Mr. Gary Jones, Ms. Dianne Machado, Dr. Teri McCartney, Mr. Michael Nicholson, Dr. Frank Novotny, and Ms. Judy Phillips.

Those present agree with the new budget policy in principle and practice but have serious concerns regarding the make up of the cabinet as expressed two weeks ago at the AC meeting held on March 31, 2008. Also the corrections mentioned by Dr. Matt Nehring should be incorporated into the policy. Dr. Carol Guerrero-Murphy suggested that the policy include language that college planning documents would provide criteria for budgetary decision-making.

Dr. Kurt Keiser had concerns that AC could turn into a boxing match with Dr. Novotny adding that AC will need to work positively together on setting priorities.

A motion was made to e-mail approved AC minutes to Dr.’s Svaldi and Mumper by Dr. Brent Ybarrondo and the motion was seconded and all were in favor.

A motion was made by Ms. Margaret Doell to approve the March 17 and 31, 2008 AC minutes with the following correction submitted by Dr. Mary Valerio:

March 31, 2008 Minutes under “Discussion Items – Campus Wide Administrative Cabinet – item 2” should read as follows:

2. If Cabinet is charged with "setting the strategic vision of the College", the proposed structure for Cabinet is problematic in that of the proposed membership (N = 14 - 17), only three (i.e., APAA, APGS, and Faculty Senate President) represent undergraduate and graduate academics - the primary enterprise of the institution.

The motion was seconded and approved by all.

Next Meeting:

April 28, 2008

Agenda Items:

Policies - can address minor issues through e-mail prior to meeting

Enrollment Management – elect representative

Gen Ed

Adjourned at 5:10PM

Respectfully submitted by,

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