

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

September 22, 2008

Library Room 302

4:00 PM – 5:30PM

Those present: Dr. Ed Crowther, Dr. Carol Guerrero-Murphy, Dr. Mark Joyce, Dr. Christine Keitges, Dr. Kim Kelso, Dr. Anthony Laker, Dr. Michael Martin, Dr. Matt Nehring, Dr. Aida Sahud, Professor Eugene Schilling, and Dr. Brent Ybarrondo

Absent: Dr. Kurt Keiser, Dr. Frank Novotny, and Dr. Susan Varhely

Action Items:

Approval of August 20, 2008 Minutes

Minutes were approved with the following change: Under Faculty Shared Governance it should read, “Faculty Senate and Academic Council need to clarify their roles and responsibilities.”

Note:

Dr. Novotny was not present today and the meeting was led by Dr. Kim Kelso.

Discussion Items:

Format of Summer School Schedule

The Provost has appointed a committee to take a look at the summer school schedule format and Dr. Kim Kelso and Dr. Mark Joyce from Academic Council are committee members. They reported that the Provost is putting together a survey which will come back to the committee and then be sent out to students (grad and undergrad) and faculty asking their opinion regarding summer school. Chairs were asked to encourage their faculty to complete the survey when it comes out.

Review/update Academic Master Plan

Dr. Nehring, Chair of the Academic Master Plan Grizzly Team stated that the team met two weeks ago. The team members are Dr. Matt Nehring, Chair, Dr. Ed Crowther, Dr. Susan Varhely, Dr. Kurt Keiser, and Dr. Mark Joyce. The last revision of the Academic Master Plan was dated March 3, 2006. The team recommends a clean up. The team will meet again in a week and will present their recommendations for clean up to Academic Council at their next meeting.

CO3 – Dr. Carol Guerrero-Murphy

Dr. Carol Guerrero-Murphy provided a handout to those present regarding CO3 (this is a general education guaranteed transfer in the communication content area). She asked if there was any interest in writing across the discipline. She suggested offering a 363 – Critical Writing course which would fall under Gen. Ed. Area I. This could be an option for advanced students who have either tested out of Communications Arts I or have scores high enough on their ACT, SAT, or AP tests. After a brief discussion Dr. Carol Guerrero Murphy stated that she would gather information regarding the number of students who are considered advanced and are not required to take Communications Art I and asked the chairs to read the material she had provided.

Leave Without Pay Policy – Dr. Mark Joyce

Prior to the meeting an e-mail was sent out to AC members with an attachment titled “Leave Without Pay Policy” in preparation for discussion at a later Academic Council meeting, and in anticipation of taking the Council’s input to the Faculty Handbook Committee. Dr. Mark Joyce and Dr. Anthony Laker are members of the Faculty Handbook Committee.

At this point the meeting was open to chairs to share informational items from their respective areas.

The meeting adjourned at 5:01PM

Respectfully submitted by,

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