

Academic Council Meeting
April 13, 2009
Library Room 302
4:00PM – 5:30PM

Those present: Dr. Frank Novotny, Dr. Ed Crowther, Dr. Robert Demski, Professor Margaret Doell, Dr. Carol Guerrero-Murphy, Dr. Mark Joyce, Dr. Matthew Schildt for Dr. William Lipke, Dr. Michael Martin, Dr. Matt Nehring, Dr. Aida Sahud, and Dr. Brent Ybarrondo

Absent: Dr. Kurt Keiser and Dr. Susan Varhely

Additional Agenda Item: F – Sabbatical

Announcements:

Dr. Novotny will send out information about the budget as information becomes available.

Dr. Novotny passed out the “Transfer Guide and Planning Worksheet” to those present and asked that the chairs please send updated worksheets to the APAA office for posting.

Dr. Novotny introduced and welcomed Dr. Matthew Schildt from Music who is sitting in for Dr. William Lipke.

Action Items:

Approval of March 9, 2009 Minutes

Minutes were approved as written.

Discussion Items:

Nursing Tenure – Dr. Aida Sahud stated that Phase II of the Nursing program had been submitted and received positive response. The issue of tenure still needs to be addressed. Dr. Sahud handed out her “Summary of Colorado Colleges with BSN Nursing Programs and Tenure” which she prepared for the AC meeting. There was a motion made by Dr. Joyce that Academic Council give their support to wording changes in the Faculty Handbook that would provide a path to tenure for master’s-prepared nursing faculty. This motion was seconded by Dr. Guerrero-Murphy and all present were in favor.

Exemplary, Meritorious, Satisfactory, Needs Improvement – Do they change as faculty get promoted? – It was agreed that these do not change but expectations of what earns an exemplary, meritorious, satisfactory, needs improvement change as faculty get promoted. It was felt that this is addressed in the current faculty handbook. Dr. Novotny feels that the outcome of this discussion is not clear and further discussion may need to take place.

STAY program – A handout was given out which gave some explanation of what the STAY program is. This program will start fall 09. Please send your comments and thoughts to Dr. Novotny.

Room Scheduling Prioritization – Please work with the APAA office in finding rooms for the ID X79 courses.

Academic Master Plan & Plan for Assessment – A motion was made by Dr. Ybarrondo to approve the Plans. The motion was seconded by Professor Doell and all were in favor.

Sabbatical – Only two sabbatical leaves were approved by the Board of Trustees and there was concern that because the Faculty Trustee was not present at the meeting that faculty had not been represented.

Academic Council will prepare a draft letter to be submitted to the President and Provost regarding sabbatical leave requests. The draft will be discussed at the next AC meeting on April 27, 2009.

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

Next Meeting: April 27, 2009

The meeting adjourned at 5:20PM

Respectfully submitted by,

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