

Academic Council Meeting
November 17, 2008
Library Room 302
4:00 PM – 5:30PM

Those present: Dr. Frank Novotny, Dr. Benita Brink, Dr. Ed Crowther, Dr. Carol Guerrero-Murphy, Dr. Mark Joyce, Dr. Kurt Keiser, Dr. Christine Keitges, Dr. Kim Kelso, Dr. Anthony Laker, Dr. Michael Martin, Dr. Matt Nehring, Dr. Aida Sahud, Professor Eugene Schilling, and Dr. Susan Varhely

Guests: Mr. Erik van de Boogaard, Mr. Ken Marquez, Mr. Bill Mansheim, Dr. Michael Mumper, and Ms. Robin Pryor

Announcements: Dr. Novotny announced that the remaining dollars in the Adjunct Budget was approximately \$15,000 and that we need to spend money wisely. The summer schedule will go forward following the same format as last summer. There are no actual dates at this time but those will be forthcoming. Dr. Novotny asked that departments be more flexible with gen. ed. offerings by spreading them out over the summer. The assessment online seminars will be going forward. There will be two Title V grants coming up in January, one for undergraduate and one for graduate. Frank will forward meeting times and dates.

Action Items:

Approval of November 3, 2008 Minutes

Minutes were approved with corrections.

Discussion Items:

Campus Renewal and Planning Committee

Mr. Erik van de Boogaard, Mr. Ken Marquez, Mr. Bill Mansheim, Dr. Michael Mumper, and Ms. Robin Pryor were present from the Campus Renewal and Planning Committee to update members of the Academic Council on the overall campus renewal projects and asked that chairs contact them with their input. Other Campus Renewal and Planning Committee members not listed above are Dr. Michael Martin, Dr. Richard Baker, Mr. Bruce DelTondo, Mr. Cameron Miller, and a representative from athletics.

Faculty Handbook

Leave Without Pay policy – The chairs were not in agreement with the proposed language for Leave Without Pay policy which was presented by Dr. Joyce, representing the Faculty Handbook Committee, and felt that it needs some work. Dr. Joyce asked that they send their list of things to be addressed to the Handbook Committee.

Post-tenure Review policy - The policy submitted by the Handbook Committee was discussed as well as the possible wording submitted by Dr. Crowther. The Academic Council members seemed to like the submission from Dr. Crowther with some suggested changes. Dr. Crowther will take another crack at it and send it around for input.

The following agenda items were tabled until the next AC meeting on December 15th:

Faculty Handbook

Approved language for current Handbook (from 10/10/08)

Committee Participation form

Supporting evidence required in teaching

Exemplary status recognition timeline

Shared Governance

GE assessment update

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:39PM

Respectfully submitted by,

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