

Academic Council Meeting
August 31, 2009
Library Room 302
4:00pm – 5:30pm

Those present: Dr. Frank Novotny, Dr. Benita Brink, Dr. Ed Crowther, Professor Margaret Doell, Dr. Tracy Doyle, Dr. Carol Guerrero-Murphy, Dr. Joel Judd, Dr. Kurt Keiser, Dr. Kim Kelso, Dr. Tony Laker, Dr. Michael Martin, Dr. Matt Nehring, Dr. Aida Sahud, and Dr. Susan Varhely

Announcements: There were no announcements.

Action Items:

Minutes from the August 19, 2009 meeting were approved with corrections.

Discussion Items:

Proposed Catalog/Graduation Policy – Dr. Nehring: Professor Doell drafted a policy regarding which catalog a student may graduate under. Dr. Nehring has been in contact with Records (Belen & Danielle) regarding the proposed policy and they support the policy revision. The proposal was discussed and Dr. Nehring moved that the draft policy be approved. The motion was seconded by Dr. Crowther and all were in favor.

Faculty Handbook Proposed Changes to the Sabbatical Leave Language – Dr. Nehring: Dr. Nehring provided a draft of the proposed change to the sabbatical leave language in the Faculty Handbook to all by e-mail prior to the meeting for review. The BOT charged Trustee Scoggins and Dr. Nehring to tackle this issue. The BOT would like the policy in place prior to this year's sabbatical leave requests. After a discussion the chairs were in favor of a faculty vote on the proposed language. Dr. Nehring will speak with Dr. Aldrich, Faculty Senate President, about placing this topic on the Faculty Senate Agenda for their next meeting.

Shared Governance Survey – Dr. Brink: Dr. Brink representing the Shared Governance Task Force, provided by e-mail prior to the meeting, a copy of the "Summary of the Faculty and Administrators Survey". After a discussion it was clear that there is work to be done with shared governance and the chairs also questioned the validity of the results of the summary. Dr. Brink will take the chair concerns back to the group for discussion and work on more detailed results that can be sent out to Academic Council.

H1N1 Draft Plan – Dr. Nehring: The draft was well received and a motion was made by Dr. Crowther to approve the draft. This was seconded by Professor Doell and all were in favor. The Academic H1N1 Plan will be sent to the Incident Management Team to be sent out with their plans prior to Labor Day.

Intersession Update: Dr. Novotny gave an update on Intersession and stated that Dr. Crowther has been working on the registration and payment issues. Dr. Georgia Grantham will be working under his office on some of the small details and leg work so courses will be ready to offer for the winter session which will run December 7, 2009 through January 15, 2010.

At this time there were some concerns raised about the ownership of course development and who has control over course offerings. There needs to be clarification on what Extended Studies does. High School students taking courses on campus, concurrent enrollment does not fall under Extended Studies. College at High School does fall under Extended Studies. Academics belong to the faculty.

Representatives for Faculty Handbook Committee (2): Dr. Crowther and Dr. Kelso volunteered and all were in favor. Dr. Crowther and Dr. Kelso will be the Academic Council representatives for the Faculty Handbook Committee.

Cabinet Topics – Professor Doell: Professor Doell, who was selected to represent AC on Cabinet, was unable to attend the entire Cabinet meeting due to a conflict in scheduling which has now been resolved. Her take was that there were not a lot of people on cabinet thinking about academics. Dr. Brink and Dr. Laker concurred. There were some budget requests and discussion of an outdoor pavilion. The cabinet would like to know if academics will use it. Dr. Doyle from Music was the only chair that voiced support. No one was against it but could not say it would be used by academics enough to justify building it. Send comments to Professor Doell, Dr. Novotny, or Dr. Aldrich.

Academic Council would like to receive a summary report of the Cabinet meetings from Professor Doell and this will be a standing discussion item on the AC meeting agendas.

Presidency Resolution: Dr. Crowther handed out a Draft Presidential Resolution which he put together for review and discussion. After two minor corrections Professor Doell moved to approve the draft and Dr. Guerrero-Murphy seconded the motion. All were in favor. Dr. Crowther will give a copy to Dr. Aldrich, Faculty Senate President and Dr. Novotny will request that this be an agenda item and present the approved Presidential Resolution to the BOT at their October meeting.

At this time Dr. Novotny asked the chairs to send their thoughts on who owns curriculum to him. He also stated that the financial assistance for the 16th and 17th credit hours is going forward but not without resistance. Financial assistance will only be for the fall 09, semester.

Next Meeting:

September 21, 2009

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:41 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

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