

Academic Council Meeting
September 21, 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, and Dr. Aida Sahud

Absent: Dr. Susan Varhely

Guest: Mr. Bill Mansheim

Agenda Discussion Item: Under E. Possible Other Discussion Items add Intersession Update.

Announcements: The majority of adjunct money has been used for fall 09.
HLC will be on campus October 12 and 13.
“Day of Reflection” agenda not available yet.
There may be up to a 10% increase for medical insurance benefits.

Mr. Mansheim and Dr. Novotny addressed the Colorado budget crisis stating that Colorado will have a \$241 million shortfall for this fiscal year with an estimated total of \$1.3 billion for fiscal years 2009/2010 and 2010/2011.

Action Items:

Minutes from the August 31, 2009 meeting were approved as written.

Discussion Items:

Name Change – College to University: There was a mixed discussion with Professor Doell and Dr. Sahud mentioning that university would be a better choice for attracting international students. Overall the group was decisively ambivalent. When Mr. Mansheim was asked about the cost to change the name he said he did not know, but estimated that changing of signs would cost \$50,000, bookstore cost would be \$30,000, and an overall cost of \$500,000, which would include a marketing plan that has not yet been developed.

NCATE Accreditation for TED – Dr. Joel Judd: A “NCATE Accreditation Overview” was sent to the AC members by e-mail prior to the meeting for their review. Dr. Judd would like to send a Letter of Intent to NCATE. There were concerns shared by Dr.’s Crowther and Guerrero-Murphy regarding the content area standards and not being able to meet those standards, which was an issue the last time NCATE accreditation was attempted. Dr. Judd stated that the accreditation process has gone through some changes since that time and one of those being submittal of “Preconditions” prior to a NCATE visit. Part of the “Preconditions” is the “Conceptual Framework”, which will be a joint effort between TED and the content areas. Dr. Novotny added that he felt this would be a positive step in the right direction in putting back together a top notch program which will impact the entire campus. He also added that the President and Provost support this effort. Questions, comments, or concerns should be sent to Dr. Judd.

Cabinet Meeting Report – Professor Margaret Doell: Dr. Doell reported that Cabinet met about two weeks ago and shared the following information: There is a need for a Policy Coordinator position on campus and this may be filled through the President’s office. The abuse of Bandwidth was discussed along with actions that will take place for offenses. There have not been any offenses by faculty to date.

There was an Emergency Budget Request for 8 new laptops in the Physics area and it was approved. The total athletic headcount increase is 50.4% with an increase to the General Fund of \$230,847. Retention is up 6.5% from last year. Ken Marquez reported that there has been one confirmed case of H1N1 although there have been no officially reported cases in the Valley.

General Education Assessment – Dr. Kim Kelso: Dr. Guerrero-Murphy provided an information packet to those present which hopefully answered questions regarding the General Education Assessment process. The General Education Assessment should be a sub-component of the Annual Program Review. Dr. Novotny stated that we need to find a way to close the loop. When changes are made there is no documentation on why changes were made. He also added that there will be a Presidential request for an Academic Intern with an emphasis in assessment.

Intersession Update: Dr. Novotny continues to work with Dr. Crowther and Georgia Grantham. The proposal has gone forward some problems have been solved while we continue to work on others. The six week window will allow us to do everything we do during the summer six week session. Compensation levels for faculty are still being worked out along with revenue sharing for departments. A charge to students of \$300.00 per credit hour has been discussed. It was felt that it should be kept in house the first year so bugs can be worked out. New courses will need to go through the CRC process. Intersession courses will all be taught on-line and Dr. Kelso expressed concern regarding training and support for faculty teaching the courses. Belen Maestas, ASC Registrar, is trying to get things to work from the records side. She would like a few courses she can use as examples. If you have a course please send the start date, end date, and course number to Dr. Novotny.

Dr. Novotny stated that he would be sending out an e-mail regarding the summer session and that it will remain the same as summer 2009.

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

Next Meeting:

October 5, 2009

The meeting adjourned at 5:38 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

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