

ACADEMIC COUNCIL
March 20, 2006
Colorado Room, Nielsen Library
4:00-5:30 pm

Present: Dr. Vicki Brownrigg, Dr. Ed Crowther, Professor Margaret Doell, Dr. Jeff Geiser, Dr. Carol Guerrero-Murphy, Dr. Kim Kelso, Dr. Bill Lipke, Dr. Michael Martin, Dr. Matt Nehring, Dr. Frank Novotny, Dr. Mary Valerio, Dr. Susan Varhely, Dr. Rafe Weston, Dr. Brent Ybarrondo

Excused: Dr. Barbara Medina

Dr. Novotny opened the meeting at 4:05 pm.

Announcements:

1) New faculty update – Math position filled, CSCI still open; Counselor Ed position accepted; ETCFL position filled; Psychology has one position filled, and one still in process; EPLS is conducting a search; Business has two openings and are at the phone reference stage; Biology has had no luck and will re-advertise in the fall; Teacher Education has received 39 applicants for one position open. The head women's basketball coaching position is being advertised as well.

2) New format – agenda item III. titled Projects & Deadlines designed to include upcoming dates of importance and/or deadlines.

3) Evaluations – face to face interviews are occurring right now.

4) Budget – the upcoming year is currently roughly \$200,000 in the red. Re-roofing project on campus has been funded and those buildings without new metal roofs will be repaired. ASC has an adjudicated well and the campus is working toward using that well rather than city of Alamosa utility for water.

5) Floor funding – still looks promising – \$600,000 will go to deferred maintenance; \$200,000 will go toward technology. Chairs are asked to give their technology needs to faculty representative Dr. Nehring. Dr. Novotny will get a report with regard to floor funding out to the chairs.

6) New cabinet appointments – Dr. Teri McCartney and Mr. Michael Nicholson will be joining cabinet.

7) Dr. Vicki Brownrigg is taking a position at UCCS.

8) Grizzly Courtyard – ground has been broken on the courtyard and the target completion date is the weekend prior to commencement in May.

I. Action items:

1. Approval of AC minutes of March 6, 2006. The minutes were approved with one correction as noted.

II. Discussion Issues:

1) Department chairs seeking exemplary status – peer review committees have been formed and the process will begin soon. There are no monies available for exemplary performance this year.

2) Additional issues: an internal search will be conducted for the interim assistant provost for academic affairs and will be open to all ASC department chairs. The qualifications state the candidate possess a terminal degree (a change from the original requirement of a Ph.D.), along with having had experience as a department chair.

3) A committee has been formed to decide what the future IR office will look like. Dr. Martin offered to serve on the committee.

4) Trustee policy manual and academic section – this has been re-done and changes have been cleared through Matt Gianceschi of the CCHE. This section will be sent to the chairs by Dr. Novotny –

please provide any corrections or note any omissions following your review. This manual links to the academic strategic plan.

5) Academic assessment committee report/Doell – the most current draft has been sent to the chairs for review with the significant change being that ongoing assessment responsibilities lie with the chairs. The draft has been repackaged to align with HLC and includes the SLO rubric. It is also linked to the strategic plan and trustee policy manual. At some point the local reading and writing assessment need to be addressed. Please provide comments and concerns to mjdoell@adams.edu prior to the next Academic Council meeting.

6) Academic strategic plan/academic master plan report/Crowther – the latest draft looks to be in good order. Dr. Crowther will meet with Bill Mansheim in order to tie the draft to the budget. A calendar is still needed. Once these items have been received, the document will be ready to be placed on the HLC website in DRAFT form.

7) Extended Studies – processes and procedures – the discussion was a continuation from the March 6, 2006 Academic Council meeting and revolved around a draft of policy issues, along with a draft of recommendations from the Academic Council. Please review prior to our next meeting (4/17/06).

III. Projects & Deadlines:

1. draft 2 of the catalog – was due to Donna on 3/17/06
2. draft 2 of the spring 2007 greenbar due to Donna on 3/31/06
3. fall 2006 registration begins 3/20/06
4. Department Chair completes evaluation of faculty seeking exemplary – 4/1/06
5. President informs tenure candidates of trustee action – 4/1/06

IV. Information Items:

1. The next meeting is Provost's Council, March 27th, Nielsen Library, the Colorado Room.
2. The next Academic Council meeting scheduled for 4/3/06 is cancelled as Dr. Novotny will be on an HLC visit; the following week is an off week. The next regularly scheduled meeting for Academic Council is 4/17/06.
3. No information items were submitted.

The next meeting of the Academic Council will look at where we are going and what we are doing with regard to the Extended Studies discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 5:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
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