

ACADEMIC COUNCIL
April 17, 2006
Colorado Room, Nielsen Library
4:00-5:30 pm

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

Announcements:

- 1) IR search is moving forward, chaired by Mike Nicholson, CIO and comprised of Stephanie Gonzales, Karla Hardesty, Brooks Haynie, and ex-officio members Teri McCartney and Heather Heersink.
- 2) The presidential search was tabled from the April BOT meeting due to a lack of board members present. The last indication from the BOT was to possibly launch a search this fall.
- 3) gtPathways – Mus 100 has been approved thereby making all of our general education courses guaranteed transfer throughout the state of Colorado. The CCHE are open to approving more courses.
- 4) IT Plan – Mike Nicholson, with the assistance of Ray Welch is working to submit a instructional technology proposal for consideration by the end of this fiscal year. [Please send your specific technology requests to Ray Welch as soon as possible.](#) Keep in mind that smart classrooms are funded by student fees, and the computer refresh program does not fall under this request.
- 5) College @HS – in the red this year and projections for next year look about the same. AC will address support for College@HS next year.

I. Action items:

1) Minutes of the March 20, 2006 will be amended to include the change in the job requirements and qualifications for the interim assistant provost for academic affairs position opening.

2) The draft academic assessment document will be amended to include corrections announced at the meeting. After discussion, Dr. Kelso motioned to approve the draft as a working document until a trial-run of one-year had elapsed at which time final changes could be made, second by Dr. Nehring; unanimous vote.

II. Discussion Issues:

1) A sub-committee comprised of Dr's Martin, Nehring (chair), Guerrero-Murphy, Ybarrondo, and Medina will compose a draft policy of recommendations with regard to Extended Studies procedures. Dr. Novotny will look at other Extended Studies programs in the state and prepare a comparison of the structure of how departments/programs are reimbursed for their time, stipends, etc.

2) “program coordinators” attending AC meetings was removed from the agenda by Dr. Guerrero-Murphy.

3) faculty salary points to consider – a discussion was held that covered appropriate realistic goals, compression/inversion issues, differential salaries based on market demand, merit

system, and decentralization of equity dollars. It was agreed that the issue of salary for full professors be resolved first as a starting point. This topic will be revisited at a future meeting.

4) performance contract – the URL to the current contract will be sent to all chairs for review. A template is being designed to meet all the goals and deadlines as outlined in the contract.

5) May-mester (additional agenda item) AS&F researched the topic of extending the spring semester dates further into the month of May and proposed a start date of Jan. 29th each year, ending May 29th, or leaving the spring semester as is beginning January 9th each year, ending May 7th. One alternative discussed would be to begin Jan 16th and end May 14th. This will be discussed at a future meeting as it impacts the academic calendar.

6) extra credit for course evaluations – some faculty are offering extra credit to students who go on-line to participate in the course evaluation process. After discussion, Dr. Weston agreed to research former faculty handbooks for the policy which states this is not permissible.

III. Projects & Deadlines:

1. final spring 2007 greenbar due back to the Provost's Office 4/28/06
2. Teacher Education Content Council – designee due 5/1/06

IV. Information Items:

None

Next meeting is scheduled for 5/1/06 at 4:30 pm in the Nielsen Library to discuss extended studies draft policy and future meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,
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