Approved Minutes from the February 08, 2017 Faculty Council Meeting


Absent: None.

Guests: C. Miller

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am.

Minutes from January 25, 2017 were approved as revised.

C. Miller presented a status of the ad-hoc review committee on GE and FE. She indicated the committee worked last year on formalizing and documenting all process for continuity, in part due to the upcoming HLC accreditation. The committee also refined the designations definition and are working on revising the twelve learning goals. They are also working on the database of the more than 500 courses designed as GE, and will propose departments to walk through a process of reaffirmation of those courses as GE on the next two to three years. There were suggestions that the committee consult with different departments, like SHPS, Africana Studies and others for purpose of the GE designations. C. Miller indicated that all proposals will be consulted with the GECC and brought to governing faculties for final approval. Discussion ensued on carefully considering ramifications on course offering and respect for curriculum autonomy by departments. C. Miller mentioned that the Chancellor is working with the Business and Finance Vice Chancellor to work on different budget scenarios on the distribution of funds form GE courses. There were questions on the use (or not) of GE course assessments we have been doing since 2010. K. Miller responded that the analysis of those assessments have not been made properly. The committees will present a report before August 2017.

C. Douglas asked about the involvement of the Chancellor in CAC/BSP, on the implications of the 3.1 million deficit expected for this year, and on the amounts of investment in marketing. C. Miller mentioned the Chancellor has not been attending many of the meetings, but is involved routinely with her on setting the agenda. She will bring those other issues to the committee.

Regarding FYE, C. Miller indicated that they have revised the principles and goals. One of the major recommendations are the creation of a director that manages FYE courses. Discussion ensued on the benefits of FYE for transfers and high academic level students, as well as all online curriculum.

C. Miller left the meeting at 9:55am.

C. Douglas asked the council to look into the changes for code requested by Becky Rhoda and tabled it for next meeting.

Revisions were made to the proposed language for the Faculty Code changes and Motion ballot. They will soon be sent to Sue for distribution.

C. Douglas suggested we have a couple more governing faculties meetings this semester in which the Chancellor addresses the issue of budget deficits. He will contact the Chancellor for possibility of Friday March 24 at 11:30am.
C. Douglas explained the process for administrators’ survey and asked for revisions to the list of questions submitted to the council. There were a couple of revisions and will be sent to the administrators for their input before sending them to the faculty.

J. Furman reported that AAAC is looking at faculty representation in administrators search committees, as well as the guidelines of the Academic Calendar.

S. Lippert asked that C. Douglas asks CAS Executive Committee for their communication on following up the recommendations of the Appeal Committee on the case of a faculty member form CAS.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45am.

Respectfully submitted,
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