Members Present: Ricardo Alfaro, Connie Creech, Aviva Dorfman, Chris Douglas, Greg Laurence, and Tom Wrobel

Absent: Darryl Baird (Chair), Barbara Dixon, and Jacinda Kitts

Ricardo served as Chair calling the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Review of Minutes of March 10, 2015 ► The Minutes of March 10 were approved as written.

Provost Update ► Because of the absence of Interim Provost Dixon, this agenda item was tabled until the next meeting.

Curriculum Coordination Committee Update ► Chris indicated he had no report because they have not met since spring.

Faculty Council Update ► Aviva reported that Faculty Council has been developing information for the Faculty Code Ballot. She indicated that most of the ballot will consist of updates/changes provided by the standing committees regarding their description in the Code.

Tom added that the meeting also included FC considering some interesting comments presented in a letter by Mark Perry regarding the following:

- A ten-year comparison of the rate of tuition increase (estimated at 108%), compared to the increase in faculty salaries, compared to the increase in administrative salary costs (specifically the salaries of the current Chancellor, previous Chancellor, previous one before that, and the Provost).

- Mark also discusses the institution of a women’s commission, especially when the ratio of female to male graduates is 2 to 1; not sure if that is legal under Title IX regulations.

Tom also reported that all individuals who were submitted to run for office via the recent Interest Survey have been contacted to make sure that they were asked prior to having their name submitted … they found that a number of them had not.

K-12 Partnership Committee ► Ricardo reported that a meeting took place on Thursday, but the only two faculty representatives (he and Ken Schilling) had classes. However, he will report something at the next meeting.
Undergraduate Program Review Document Revision ► Much discussion took place regarding the Guidelines for Undergraduate Academic Program Review and Improvement document in terms of the following:

- The purpose of providing the Guidelines (and other respective documents) was a follow-up of Chris Waters’ presentation to AAAC and request for them to review the process.
- Some felt that there was slight confusion regarding whether AAAC should be playing a role in reviewing existing programs and/or the expectation of the Interim Provost.
- The document says, “Both the Dean and Provost perform their evaluations in consultation with appropriate faculty advisory groups,” so the Committee assumes that that would be the prerogative of the Interim Provost to bring reviews to AAAC if needed.
- Some felt that they would like to see the Guidelines parallel those of Graduate Programs a little bit closer.
- One faculty member said that he would like to see more of a process in the Guidelines and some “teeth” in the process such as how recommendations are handled, plan of actions, and/or the follow-up process, etc.
- The follow-up process was discussed comparing the graduate programs process compared to the undergraduate process.

Action: Discussion closed with the request for Ricardo to edit the Guidelines and provide a draft to AAAC for their review.

DEEP Program Profitability ►

Action: The consensus of the committee was to table this agenda item for the next meeting.

FYE as a Transfer Credit ► Discussion ensued regarding the following procedures in terms of whether students are required to complete FYE (First Year Experience) credit:

- Students who transfer to UM-Flint with 25 or more credits do not have to complete FYE credit.
- Credit taken as a dual enrolled student (even though it is UM-Flint credit) does not count when considering whether the student must complete FYE credit.

Some felt the requirement is not handled fairly. There was no consensus by the committee, with some feeling that a seminar/educational experience is vital no matter how the individual becomes a student of UM-Flint. Others indicated that they are not happy that dual enrolled credit is counted differently since it appears on the transcript as any other course.

Because Tom is a member of the FYE Committee, he will convey the thoughts to the committee at the next meeting.

Matters Arising ► Tom indicated that a second meeting has been planned for the Provost Search Committee to review applications. He was impressed with the amount of applicants that we have to date.

The meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.