UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-FLINT

AAAC

Academic Affairs Advisory Committee

Tuesday, May 19, 2015
9:30 a.m. – Lapeer Room

~ Minutes ~

Members Present: Ricardo Alfaro, Connie Creech, Barbara Dixon, Aviva Dorfman, Jan Furman, and Jacinda Kitts

Absent: Darryl Baird, Christopher Douglas, and Gregory Laurence

Ricardo Alfaro (with the last name closest to the beginning of the alphabet) called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Approval of Minutes – April 28, 2015

Action: The Minutes of April 28 were approved based on the Provost clarifying a statement in the “SEM Discussion” section of the minutes (page 2/paragraph 5/last sentence).

Election of New Chair for Academic Year 2015-16

Action: A motion was made and supported to nominate Ricardo Alfaro as the Chair of AAAC for the 2015-16 academic year. Motion carried. The consensus of the Committee was the Aviva Dorfman would also serve as the Faculty Council representative.

Provost Announcements and Update on Provost and Dean Searches

Barbara indicated that the best announcement is that we have a permanent Provost. She said that the search went well, despite the short timeline and praised the Search Committee for working hard to make this happen. We will be discussing transition as the official start date is July 1, 2015.

Barbara indicated that the Committee and CAS have been notified that the CAS Dean Search has been postponed. She explained that we don’t have a good enough sense of the pool or confidence that airport interviews would provide a good pool for campus interviews. She said that postponing it will provide the new Provost with the opportunity to be involved and that they are talking with the Chancellor regarding an interim dean.
Barbara noted that regarding the SHPS Dean Search, she has contacted the search firm to try to find out the status of that search.

Barbara stressed that she encourages everyone to attend one of the upcoming Strategic Enrollment Management Open Forums and asked members to encourage their colleagues. She indicated that this is the single most important overall initiative happening at the University. She said that the goal is to get students in the front door and do things to help them to increase retention and graduation rates. She explained that the process is not at its halfway mark and right now they are looking at a mix of students that we recruit and playing with different models and at the same time trying to keep enrollments robust. She reported that the Retention Team is exploring different things that can be done in developing more support services and trying to figure out why we lose so many students, normally during that second/third year period. Barbara said that they are at the point of just developing potential goals. Much discussion took place and most agreed that it was a complex issue.

**Winegarden Visiting Professor Recommendation**

Barbara reported that because we only received one Myron and Margaret Winegarden Visiting Professorship application, instead of calling a special faculty committee to review the application, she would ask AAAC for their input.

**Action:** There was total consensus by AAAC members that the nominee was acceptable and recommended to the Provost to move forward with an appointment.

**Committee Reports**

There were no committee reports provided.

**Agenda of Issues to Consider Next Year**

Darryl suggested the following two agenda items to consider next year:

- Continuation of Assessing the Cost of the DEEP Program and other Early College Programs (*how do these tie in with SEM*)
- Request the Issue of Student Voting Rights on AAAC Placed on Ballot

Ricardo adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m. by noting that the next meeting will occur in September.