UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-FLINT

AAAC

Academic Affairs Advisory Committee

Thursday, September 17, 2015
1:00 p.m. – Lapeer Room

~ Minutes ~

Members Present: Ricardo Alfaro (Chair), Darryl Baird, Connie Creech, Aviva Dorfman, Chris Douglas, Jan Furman, Doug Knerr, and Greg Laurence

Ricardo Alfaro called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes – May 19, 2015 ►

Action: The Minutes of May 19, 2015 were approved as written.

Proposed New Program: BSE in Industrial and Operations Engineering (CAS) ► Discussion followed regarding feasibility of faculty to teach the program, elevated optimism in the enrollment projections, potential for course duplication, lack of space and budget for future needed space, and lack of coordination of future 3-D space needs with other departments (CVA, THE, ERS).

Action: The following steps will be taken: (a) a list of questions will be sent to the department for clarification; and (b) a memo will be sent to the Curriculum Coordination Committee to address the potential course duplication.

Proposed New Program: BBA in Operations and Supply Chain Management (SOM) ► Discussion followed. Positive comments of good reflection and review to address students’ needs with this program were noted.

Action: Some questions arose about expenditures, a message will be sent to CAC/BSP indicating that the Committee had some concerns about expenditure increases in the proposed budget. The proposal received unanimous support from the Committee with regard to academic aspects of the proposal and recommends to the Provost its approval.

Academic Calendar 2017-18 ►

Action: The Committee generated and recommended an academic year that eliminates the Fall Break, reinstituting the no-classes Wednesday before Thanksgiving, and extends breaks between consecutive terms. The Provost Office will check with the Registrar’s Office, Ann Arbor, and the Chancellor’s Office for unforeseen conflicts.
Faculty Council Representative ► There is a petition from Faculty Council that the AAAC representative not be a current member of Faculty Council.

| Action: Greg Laurence will serve as the AAAC Representative to Faculty Council for the 2015-16 academic year. |

Discussion Item – Provost Comments ► The Provost congratulated the Committee for the thoughtful discussion on program proposals. He indicated that we should continue to see proposals keeping in mind not only quality but also the economic and academic cost of deployment of resources. He encouraged the Committee to maintain an ongoing conversation on strategies as a framework for discussion.

Discussion Item – AAAC Goals for the Year ► Postponed for next meeting for lack of time. (Will include a couple of items that Darryl submitted by email at the end of last academic year.)

Additional Items ► Contact Ricardo if members want any items included on future agendas.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

MEETING REMINDER SCHEDULE

Please remember that all AAAC Meetings will be held on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING – Thursday, October 1 – 1:00 p.m./Lapeer Room