Minutes


Guests: Chancellor Borrego, Rushika Patel, Jessica Tischler

1. Minutes of March 25th meeting were approved as distributed
2. Old Business: Status of scheduled meetings with the Chancellor, SON proposal were raised. No definitive answers were available
   L. Alexander indicated that the Provost will be meeting with units to discuss faculty service activities relative to Tenure and Promotion guidelines.
3. No reports were given for CAC/BSP nor AAAC as meetings were cancelled
4. Faculty Code ballot. The ballot for standing committees is out and a special ballot is forthcoming
   After Jessica Keltz obtains names of librarians for 2 committees
5. Faculty Council year-end report was distributed by L. Alexander. Standing committee nominations, editing of the Faculty Code based on election will be added to report of activities. Standing committees will be asked to submit their annual reports by 4/28.
6. Chancellor Borrego joined the meeting from 3 to 3:30 pm. Faculty Council items were reviewed and addressed. Chancellor responded to questions about ITS, SON, Intercultural Competency, Strategic Enrollment Management.

   ITS: She would like to have a review of ITS from both the business and technology side culminated in an ITS Strategic Plan which would include establishing the baseline ITS capability.

   SON. External consultant was not available. The Provost had met with Nursing Department leadership and had questions related to the movement of existing people into new positions without conducting a search. Interim Provost will be making a recommendation as to whether the SON proposal will move forward. This recommendation is expected by June 30, 2015.

   Intercultural Competency. All of the direct reports to the Chancellor were invited to participate in a training. This included chairs of governing faculty committee and staff committees. Approximately 35 –
40 people, including leaders of student government were involved. The group will reconvene on April 22nd to discuss next steps.

Strategic Enrollment Management. A SEM plan will be develop which will focus on recruitment and retention. Currently consultant is looking at the data that is being collected. Plan will be distributed and will identify overlaps and gaps in services. The consultant is looking at what we are doing well and identify potential growth areas; e.g. should we be increasing the number of graduate students. The intent is to have stable enrollment growth. The newly named Promise Scholars program was described which involves transitioning high school students into UM-Flint with necessary supports in place to ensure success.

Chancellor felt that it might be possible to bring candidates on campus for 2 Dean’s positions recognizing that this was optimistic

Chancellor also identified graduation rates and the model that is currently used to distribute campus resources as being on her “radar”.

7. Women’s Commission co-chairs, Rushika Patel and Jessica Tischler, joined the meeting at 3:35. They described the charge of the Commission is to developing policy recommendations and advising on women’s issues including a climate study. This study would be inclusive and would not be restricted to concerns of women on campus. The Commission was differentiated from the WEC which provides support services for students.

8. Matters arising: L. Alexander circulated a resolution to be read at the Chancellor’s inauguration. It was agreed that this will be signed by Faculty Council members and framed. S. Selig will present the resolution at the inauguration while she is speaking on behalf of the faculty (in L. Alexander’s absence)

T. Wrobel gave an update on his conversation with facilities about establishing a tradition of planting a tree in recognition of faculty members who have passes away during the academic year. There was agreement that this was an excellent idea.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.