UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-FLINT

AAAC
Academic Affairs Advisory Committee

Wednesday, November 8, 2017
3:30 p.m. – alumni Room, UCEN 327

~ Minutes ~

Members Present: Jennifer Alvey, Jan Furman, Kui-Bin Im, Nick Kingsley, Dan Lair (Chair), Greg Laurence, Marilyn McFarland, Marquetta Hall, Doug Knerr

Absent: Aviva Dorfman, Vickie Larsen, Rie Suzuki, Abdulrahman Salmon

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chair Dan Lair.

Approval of Minutes ► The minutes of October 25, 2017 were reviewed and need to be edited.

Provost Report ► Provost Knerr informed the committee about the update he had given to CAC/BSP today in referent to the implementation of the strategic plan in Academic Affairs. The Council of Deans has declared the following:

- Advancing our Programs: Innovation, Review and Retrenchment
  - Supporting the development of new programs and faculty research/dreative work. Each unit will have an innovation agenda, which will be the theme of the upcoming planning and budget presentation.
  - Review our current, emerging and mature program cycle to indentify opportunities for enhancing scale and/or scope.
  - Getting serious about eliminating programs that are unsuccessful or chronically underperforming.
  - Monthly meetings with the VCBF, VCEM, Provost and unit Deans will be held to review and manage strategically across these administrative boundaries.

- Enhancing Our Curricular DNA
  - Reforming First Year Experience and General Education to enhance student success and faculty engagement.
  - Reframing Engaged Learning along a continuum of “real world” opportunity and learning to advance our core mission.
  - Establishing structures, methods, and funding to encourage interdisciplinary experiences.

- Targeting specific Need of Our Constituents
  - Undergraduate Preparation Programs for At-Risk Students
  - Targeted programs of study for Adult and New-Traditional Learners and for Corporate Education

Faculty Council Update ► Jan Furman apprised the committee that the Provost and the Chancellor attended the previous Faculty Council meeting and the Chancellor informed the Faculty Council that a search committee is going to be formed for the Vice Chancellor of Inclusion. Dan Lair asked if the guidelines from AAAC are being followed in the formation of the search committee. Jan clarified that the search is in its infancy stage. The Chancellor also updated Faculty Council about President Schlissel’s visit and that the
strategic planning implementation effort is underway and will begin soon and hope to have partial completion by spring.

**AAAC Response to Climate Study**  
Dan Lair put together a draft of the AAAC response that answers what AAAC’s purpose is in regards to the response and what falls under Academic Affairs and what AAAC can do to make things better. The committee worked to fine tune the response to the climate study. There was much discussion in regards to faculty roles, collaboration with other committees, what issue to work on first and if a timeline should be formed. The committee discussed the identified issues from the climate study and decided that they would work on faculty service, the following issues in regards to service were identified:

1. What is service?
2. Who is overburdened?
3. Opportunities for junior faculty, especially in CAS.
4. How is service counter?
5. Balance of teaching and service.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.