UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-FLINT

AAAC

Academic Affairs Advisory Committee

Wednesday, March 21, 2018
3:30 p.m. – Loving Lounge

~ Minutes ~

Members Present: Jennifer Alvey, Elizabeth Cunningham, Marquetta Hall, Kui-Bin Im, Nick Kingsley, Dan Lair (Chair), Vickie Larsen, Marilyn McFarland, Rie Suzuki, Doug Knerr

Absent: Abdulrahman Salmon, Jie Song

Visitor: Karen Arnould, Registrar
Stacey Lee, Associate Registrar

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

Approval of Minutes – March 7, 2018 ► A motion was made to approve the minutes with one change, motion approved.

Provost Report ► Provost Knerr gave the committee an update on the collaborative budget presentation that will be presented to campus on April 26th. Tomorrow is a preview of what’s to come. The Council of Deans has been working diligently on this presentation. The presentation has been pushed back in order to include the strategic plan with the overview of the budget for the next three years. Dan informed the committee about a survey that will be sent out to campus in regards to the strategic plan. Please encourage others to participate.

Provost Knerr informed the committee of the different things that have been happening with enrollment for undergraduate and graduate programs.

Provost Knerr talked about how engaged learning will be included in the Deans presentation. Engagement is important and we have good support from the Mott Foundation for the next two years. Looking how to fund global experiences, community experiences, etc. Looking to see how we can hard wire it into the system. Case competition was great and now have companies that are interested in UMFlint and wants to invest.

Discussion was held regarding the promotion and tenure process.

Scholarships for graduate programs and undergraduate programs were discussed. There was also interest in part time student scholarships and more discussion. Need more targeted incentivized scholarships are needed. How do we sustain the scholarships from year to year.

Academic Calendar and Guidelines ► Dan reminded the committee that we want to move to a three year calendar. Start with a one year calendar (19-20) and build from there. Dan spoke with Beth Manning, HR Director regarding starting before Labor Day. The University can start before Labor Day from an HR perspective. HR will need a proposal to speak with union leadership and Ann Arbor. Discussion was held regarding feedback from different departments. Discussion was held regarding the number of instructional days, equal number of days, start day,
exam days, when grades are due, length of winter break, how the Regent’s will react to a different calendar. Before we can move forward with our proposed calendar we need to create a memo from AAAC to the Chancellor with the rationale for the changes.

Karen Arnould and Stacey Lee from the Registrar’s office joined the meeting to discuss the Academic Calendar and what they’ve been working on. A year ago Mike Hague asked the Registrar’s office about parts of terms and build them into the current terms. Suggestions were made to combine the spring and summer terms into one and would help with the technological issues. They were looking to institute this change in the spring of 2020. Discussion ensued regarding what’s driving this change that the University needs to offer these options and have the flexibility, the logistics of combining the terms, and what does the Registrar need from AAAC. They need a calendar for 19-20 in order to look at and move forward with different options. Discussion was held regarding the exam schedule for a combined spring/summer term and part terms in the fall and winter. Flexibility issues, both positive and negative, were discussed. Opposition concerns were discussed. Room scheduling, exam scheduling, and exam length was discussed. Options were discussed as to how to find out who is and is not giving final exams. Discussion was held regarding who should be on the committee with the Registrar’s office and Karen suggested that someone from the Registrar’s office should be in on the discussion with AAAC when it comes to planning the academic calendar.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.