CACBSP Minutes May 11, 2017

In attendance: Provost Knerr, Matt Wolverton, Jennifer Alvey (filling in for Adam Lutzker), Cathy Larson, Sarah Lippert (faculty secretary), Cathy Miller (committee chair), Connie Creech, Mike Hague (Vice-Chancellor for Business and Finance), Tess Barker (conference call started around 1:45pm), DJ Trela (arrived 2pm)

Unanimously approved Minutes of April 17th.

Upcoming meetings: May 25th 1-2:30; June 7th, July 12th, August 16th all at 3-5pm

Summer Work:
- Discussion of accountability for lab and prefix fees.
- Committee agreed by consensus to look at procedures for providing accountability in lab and prefix fees as well as program fees.
- Spend at least one meeting on the expenditure reports. Committee agreed to skim them and then discuss how to approach them.
- Homework for next meeting: review April expenditure report from Godin for next meeting.
- May 25th: Possibly discuss greater communication concerns. Suggestion from Mike Hague to look at the U of M icon on transparency statement, which could serve this function.
- June 7th: Meeting to discuss the Gen Ed budget structure. Committee members should look at ideas for the campus budget.
- July 12th: We will review the 2017 report on the Economic Status of the Faculty.
  - Comment that when the committee looks at it to keep in mind that gender might not have been fully considered, and SOM data might have skewed the averages for faculty earnings.
  - A copy of the report will be e-mailed to Mike Hague
- August 16th: Develop frequently asked questions after August 16th.

Discussion of work on transparency:
- Discussion of how we address faculty access to information at different levels where responsibility is met. Faculty are having difficulty accessing budget information and are unable to acquire the information even by asking their supervisors (although this varies depending on the venue). Faculty are being put in untenable situations (due to a culture of retaliation in some units/departments) by being expected to ask for this information individually, and in some instances even when they do it isn’t provided.
- Discussion of mechanisms for faculty to obtain more information to fulfill their responsibilities and for the university to live up to its responsibilities as a public institution.
- The committee revisited possible ways to support faculty access to transparency that have come up throughout the year. Although there was no consensus on the best way to do this yet, the Committee Chair recommended that we revisit the issue this summer with more info and consultation with the Chancellor. In the meantime Mike Hague stated that faculty can ask for whatever information they need from him directly and he expects that in most instances it will be something that he can provide.