Minutes: CACBSP April 13, 2017, 1:00-2:30, Chancellor’s Conference Room

In Attendance: Cathy Larson, Matt Wolverton, Frank Miskevich, Greg Knerr (Provost, ex-officio), Jennifer Alvey, Cathy Miller (chair), Matt Wyneken, Sarah Lippert (faculty secretary)

Guests: Hiba Wehbe-Alamah, Gillia Smith, Mike Farmer, Menusha Arumugam

New Business: Discussion of the Strategic Plan

Suggestions/Comments on the Draft of the Plan:
- Support from CACBSP for the community engagement initiatives.
- Concerns about how the prioritized programming is described and that it could be used to de-value programs that are not specific-job-centered or professional programs.
- Members of the committee will look at language available in other sources to help be more inclusive in the description of academic and program goals.
- Discussion of how the priorities might be slightly modified to be more receptive to the time and place that we are in within the Flint community, without being too heavy-handed in emphasizing only our goals.
- Suggestion from the committee to perhaps very minimally add language about receptiveness with respect to our relationship with the community, and modify loaded language like ‘resilient’ and ‘thriving.’
- Faculty Council’s recommendations were reviewed (identity expanded to include democratic ideals of higher education, intolerance of injustice, and a focus on governance).
- Suggestion that the title for priority 4 could read ‘in the whole community’ instead of ‘at every level.’
- Discussion of how research is described and an explanation of why it is embedded with other things. Concerns were expressed about different kinds and levels of research being acknowledged in this way.
- Concern that acknowledgment of graduate students might be missing.
- Concerns about saying we will promote online education at the exclusion of other programs.
- CACBSP endorsed the strategic plan with recommendations.

Upcoming agendas:
- A request to put the instatement of a prefix-fee review process on an upcoming agenda was made, so that this could be a task in the summer.
- A request was made to move forward with the budget transparency resource for faculty on Blackboard or similar where the budgets of the units and departments can be posted, along with the budget explanation powerpoint made to the committee earlier this year, and possibly the monthly fiscal reports and other relevant information.

Budget Committee Portion of the Meeting:
- A brief discussion about the report and recommendations of the Budget Committee was led by Jennifer Alvey, including comments shared from the April CAS meeting by concerned CAS faculty.