UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-FLINT

AAAC
Academic Affairs Advisory Committee

Thursday, February 16, 2017
3:00 p.m. – Grad Programs Conference Room

~ Minutes ~

Members Present: Ricardo Alfaro, Sy Banerjee, Aviva Dorfman, Jan Furman, Doug Knerr, Jie Song, Dan Lair (Chair), and Rie Suzuki

Absent: Marilyn McFarland

Guest: Julie Snyder, Associate Vice Chancellor and Dean of Students

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chair Dan Lair.

CARE Team Presentation ► Associate Vice Chancellor Snyder provided a PowerPoint and indicated that when she arrived on campus one of her first duties was to conduct an evaluation of the Behavior Intervention Team process which was in place since the mid-1990’s. That evaluation resulted into the Campus Assessment, Response and Evaluation (CARE) Network which is similar but with a broader mission. She reported that one of the key components is being more proactive in identifying potential problems with students and/or connecting those students with appropriate resources. She said that the Network would be chaired by Senior Director of Student Involvement and Leadership, Michelle Rosynsky, along with a diverse group of staff, including two faculty members who would serve two-year terms on a rotating basis. She indicated that the vetting of the proposed process has included key groups such as the Cabinet, CAC/BSP, the Student Concerns Committee, Council of Deans, and now AAAC to get their endorsement and/or suggestions for the program. Much discussion took place. Julie explained that part of the launch will be 60-90 minute training sessions for faculty and staff to work with them in how to deal and/or identify potential student problems before they escalate.

AAAC members were very receptive of the proposed Network especially with the training component. AAAC recommended that the Student Concerns Committee should nominate two faculty members to join the CARE Team contingent upon approval by Faculty Council.

Approval of Minutes – February 2, 2017 ► A motion was made and supported to approve the Minutes of February 2 as amended.

Provost Report ► Provost Knerr reported that he has been working with Mott’s Provost, Amy Fugate, regarding the development of additional agreements between UM-Flint and Mott Community College. They have been working on the Merit Aid transfer program and Honors to Honors Transfer program as well. Much curricular work is being done at Mott and he said that this is a win-win in that it is not only academics working together, but the development of additional agreements will provide the ability for excellent co-branding opportunities in the region.

► Doug said that the budget process is progressing with the first Budget Planning Committee meeting being held today. Jennifer Alvey is chairing that committee and he indicated that the clear priority will be enrollment/retention. The Committee will be meeting at least three more times before results are reported.
Dan indicated that there has been miscommunication regarding AAAC’s response to the Graduate Board New Guidelines Proposal. Dan is planning to meet with Senior Vice Provost Lotfi to explain the views and rationale of AAAC regarding the proposal. If need be, Vahid may be invited to a future meeting.

► Doug referred to the handout that Dan sent to the committee regarding initiatives that the potential 2017-18 Thompson Visiting Professor provided on various topics that would be available to select from for possible lectures, symposiums, inclusion in upcoming events, brown bags, class lectures, etc. Doug said that faculty could begin thinking about how they might want to include the Thompson Visiting Professor in any activities that they would like.

► Doug reported that the first Strategic Planning Open Forum for faculty and staff is scheduled for tomorrow and encouraged support in attending if at all possible. He also reported that HLC Steering Committee is meeting as well. Work will include Criterion 1 and 5.

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► Doug concluded by indicating that he is very pleased with UM-Flint’s input in the Economic Development Grant, especially by several of our graduate students. He said that UM-Flint is clearly taking the lead on this. Although we will not have decision-making power in this, this is a place where higher education can impact and frame the decisions.

► Doug updated AAAC regarding the Grade Change Audit in that a request has been made several times for the results of the report from Ann Arbor, but they are not ready for release at this time. He will keep the committee apprised.

**Discussion of Executive/Administrative Search Committee: Faculty Representation Levels**

Dan noted that a set of UM-Flint org charts were distributed with the results of how AAAC initially categorized the level of faculty input that they would like to see in future searches with S = Strong, M = Moderate, and L = Low. Following discussion, it was decided that percentages should be assigned to the ratings before making a final review of the positions and levels of input initially given. The committee decided the following:

- **S** – (Strong Input) = 50% or more
- **M** – (Moderate Input) = 20-50%
- **L** – (Low Input) = 10-20% (but not less than 1)

Because of Spring Break, AAAC would be meeting in March on the following dates rather than the normal meeting schedule:

- Thursday, March 9 – 3:00 p.m. – Graduate Programs Conference Room
- Thursday, March 23 – 3:00 p.m. – Graduate Programs Conference Room

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.