UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-FLINT

AAAC

Academic Affairs Advisory Committee

Wednesday, September 5, 2018
3:00 p.m. – Shiawassee Room

~ Minutes ~

Present: Ri Suzuki, Marilyn McFarland, Kui-Bin Im, Jie Song, Nick Kingsley, Jennifer Alvey, Sue Alcock, Liz Cunningham, Vickie Larsen

Minutes from May 30, 2018 were approved.

1. Introduction of Members and of Interim Provost Susan Alcock

Old Business

2. MS in Health Care Management – recalling our review of this program last year. This program is now in place. Provost Knerr made the decision for this program to move through the approval process after the deadline and to start in Fall 2018. Committee concerns were around the approval process for this program, the timeliness for new program reviews, graduate and undergraduate, who owns and runs curriculog, and what is being reviewed by graduate programs vs. AAAC.

3. New late-drop and withdrawal procedure – Committee responded to this change in May 2018 but the new process took effect July 1, 2018 without a larger conversation. Sue will examine this new procedure for a future meeting and reach out to the registrar about how the committee was formed, along with the thinking behind the form.

4. Calendar – AAAC recommendation for starting before Labor Day was rejected, the committee is not aware of the remainder of the calendar or its stage in the approval process. It appears the conversation about the academic calendar has been moved out of the AAAC. The committee has concerns about the reduced number of instructional days in Fall 2018 and wishes to see if that same issue is set to recur in Fall 2019. Vickie is getting all the calendar reports from last year to Sue and then we can discuss how to proceed. We may wish to consider adopting the Ann Arbor calendar or collaborating with those campuses on this decision.

Old business in not Old (lesson learned from today).

New Business

5. Degree Audits – Need information about this from our Units – Registrar no longer sends the degree audit letter one semester before a student plans to graduate, but has been
running those audits behind the scenes. The registrar will no longer do this and faculty have expressed concerns about whether students are all fully supported in their units in such a way that we can guarantee that no student will accidentally miss a requirement and not graduate. AAAC needs to know how degree audits are being done in the different units. If the Registrar’s previous process is no longer in effect, can the units pick up that responsibility? How confident do the professional advisors feel about this?

Sue wants to check along the way.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30.