UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-FLINT

AAAC
Academic Affairs Advisory Committee

Thursday, January 17, 2019
9:00 a.m. – Chancellor’s Conference Room

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Present: Sue Alcock, Jennifer Alvey, Liz Cunningham, Marilyn Filter, Kui-Bin Im, Nick Kingsley, Vickie Larsen, Russell Li, Jeanette Stein, Rie Suzuki, Eucharia Ganda

Absent: Jie Song, Aritra Chakrabarty

Vickie Larsen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Introduction of New Members ► Vickie asked the new members to introduce themselves and then asked the veteran members of the committee to introduce themselves and what department they are from.

Minutes from November 14, 2018 and December 12, 2018 ► Minutes for November 14, 2018 were approved as written. Minutes for December 12, 2018 approved with minor edits.

Provost Report ► Provost Alcock updated the committee in regards to the Blue Ribbon Panel that visited the University and how they were impressed with the turnout and thought it most productive. Discussion ensued. It was determined that a campus wide discussion is needed and the committee would like to compose a letter to the Blue Ribbon Panel. Provost Alcock updated the work of the HLC committee and where they are in the process.

Faculty Council Report ► Nick Kingsley updated the committee about a new SPG that is being created in regards to relationships between professors and undergraduate students and how that will be applied at UM-Flint. It was determined that Shelby Newport should come to a future meeting to update everyone.

Proposed Committee Guidelines and Calendar Document ► Vickie Larsen would like for this committee to create Committee Guidelines and a regular meeting time. This document will be very helpful to future committee members. Everyone agrees that this document and a regular meeting day/time needs to be created.

Matters Arising ► Liz Cunningham, on behalf of the School of Education and Human Services, if the committee knew how course evaluations are released and by whom. Discussion ensued. Provost Alcock will ask the Registrars office for clarification on the process.

Vickie Larsen informed the committee that faculty council would like the committee to review faculty evaluations. Student evaluation responses are extremely low, but that data is still being used. In addition, there is blatant biasness against faculty members. Vickie has asked Heather Laube to pull together research data on what other campuses are doing to solve this problem. This conversation would also need to include Ann Arbor due to the fact that all three campuses use the same system. Discussion ensued.

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.