

ARTS AND SCIENCES CHAIRS' COUNCIL MINUTES
4/2/07

Members Present: K. Alwes, S. Asumah, C. Cirimo, L. Ellis, L. Gatto, S. Gutman, N. Helsper, R. Kendrick, B. Mattingly, D. Miller, J. O'Callaghan, T. Pasquarello, T. Phillips, K. Russell, S. Steadman, H. Steck, P. van der Veur, R. Wheeler, K. Zimmerman, A. Zipp

Guests: V. Levine and N. Aumann.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Congratulations to the Performing Arts Department for performances over the weekend.
- There will be an Arab-Iraq forum next Thursday.
- The President's Cabinet has given its approval of the new name, Africana Studies, for the department formerly known as African American Studies.
- Gospel Choir -- Provost has sent a memo regarding excused absences off campus for Tuesday and Wednesday.

A request has been made to schedule plenty of time at the next meeting to discuss external review on the agenda.

AGENDA

Middle States Update: Virginia Levine

Six chapters in the Periodic Review Report for Middle States.

- focus of the report is on the set of recommendations of site team from the last visit. Topics addressed in those recommendations were:
 - A. faculty workload
 - B. budget operations.
 - C. multicultural programs
 - D. disability access

Regarding A: The data available in the draft report raised some questions particularly regarding distinctions between full time faculty and part-time faculty. Distinctions need to be made between full time tenure track positions and full time lecturers as well. Particular concern from chairs regarding the assertion that there are 41 new lines in the

time frame covered by this report. Nancy Aumann agreed that there should be a close review of the data for accuracy and that more data will be sent to the chairs for review.

Regarding B: Budget Operations.

The report indicates that there has been some decentralization e.g., OTPS
In Academic Affairs some decentralization as well, however since the budget has been in the hole recently, there was a retreat from decentralization after 2005.

Regarding C: Multicultural Programs

The report refers to a variety of initiatives e.g. Africana Studies Department, the Diveristy Institute, the Multicultural Life reorganization

Regarding D: Disabled Access

All residence halls are ADA compliant. Comment was made that progress is needed on the Theater in Dowd which is not accessible to the disabled

Chapter 3 of the report addresses Challenges and Opportunities. This section addresses a large number of topics, e.g. sponsored programs growth, Institutional Advancement (now at \$2 million per year in donations), faculty workload and salaries, Enrollment, Advisement, Internationalizina the Campus, and the Intellectual Climate initiative.

V. Levine and N. Aumann concluded their overview of draft of Periodic Review Report (PRR), addressing questions about the relationship between the Academic Affairs Strategic Plan and the PRR. Deadlines are in place for comments and revisions: 4/13 ends the first comment period. The second comment period will be 4/23 to 5/4. Mailing deadline is 5/15. Individual comments are welcome.

Nancy Aumann: As announced in the Bulletin: the College Catalog – completely online for 2007-2008. The traditional hard copy will not be published.
A new system for presenting the online catalog is now in use (Acalog) the 2006-20007 is available as a demonstration preview of how Acalog works.
Widespread agreement among the chairs that PDF availability is key in this new format.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerome O'Callaghan