

School of Arts and Sciences Chairs' Council Meeting Minutes March 22, 2010

Present: K. Alwes, S. Anderson, S. Asumah, G. Bhat, R. Darling, P. A. Fitz-Gibbon, Ducey, C. Heasley, I. Jubran, T. Mwanika, B. Mattingly, J. O'Callaghan, J. Ouellette, T. Phillips, R. Ponterio, W. Skipper, B. Smith, R. Spitzer, S. Steadman

Guest: Noelle Chaddock Paley, Interim Director, Multicultural Life Office

Noelle Paley announced that there will be a conference on student diversity on Saturday, March 27, full-day –the keynote speaker event is free in the Function Room. Please encourage faculty and students to attend. The registration fee may be inhibiting to some folks; perhaps departments can help out their students. S. Anderson said that the Geography department will support one student with department funds.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Proposal to rename ICC Department - B. Ponterio – Proposing to change department name to Modern Languages – the ICC department prefix will change to MDL, course prefixes will not change.

A&S Curriculum Committee election process ~ begins this week

J. O'Callaghan – Michael Morandi will be inducted into the Academic Hall of Fame - March 26 and he will speak to the President's List students. He will also speak to students in POL and ECO classes.

Leadership House application deadline ~ March 26 – they are looking for more students. Check out R. Kendrick's email.

Professional Development Workshop for Chairs ~ March 29 – location TBA

Joint Chairs' Council ~ April 5

NCATE site visit ~ March 5-9, 2011

D. Neal – April 2, Good Friday, Complete St. Matthew Passion recital at 19 Church Street -former United Community Church (see recent email)

See Women's History Month announcement

ASSOCIATE DEAN's REPORT:

Mid-semester estimates were due at noon today, but the deadline is being extended to 4:00 p.m. today.

Thanks to all for the quick turn around on graduation checklists.

FACILITIES:

Antlers – Dean Mattingly does not believe the sale of Antlers is imminent. See President Bitterbaum's recent email regarding where we are on possibility of sale.

Campus Master Plan – consultants coming back on April 2. No news on Dowd and Bowers plans.

Question: What will effect on parking be with the construction on Bowers?

Answer: some loss of spaces likely but only on a temporary basis.

BUDGET:

Dean Mattingly thanked all for responses on workload. He is still working on it, adding fall _____. Data so far show no change in Fall 09 – Fall 2010 offerings. He will separate out on load/above load offerings.

CURRICULUM:

Thanks to all who responded to “SUNY Mobility Initiative” – SUNY is looking at major requirements across the system, finding a common core.

B. Skipper – it’s important in all this to distinguish Criminology from Criminal Justice.

S. Asumah – Another issue is the problem of different teachers teaching the courses and students getting different outcomes.

E-Learning Needs Assessment Committee:

Request from A. Berg: WebCT is disappearing – will we go to Blackboard or go another solution? Open source solution would require employees to support it, on the other hand Blackboard convenience will cost \$80,000.

B. Skipper – let’s not scrimp now.

S. Anderson – RE: 120 – 124 credits – EPC has reported existing catalog allows the 120 credits to graduate option. Political Science has already submitted their request. Debate about whether registration with the state needed for 124 to 120. Don’t forget that 12 elective credits are needed in the 120 credits! (Question for J. O’Callaghan to find this in the catalog – 12 credit requirement.)

K. Alwes: Is it okay for department to have two programs at different totals? BA_ENG = 120; BA_AEN = 124. Answer: Yes.

STRATEGIC PLANNING:

See handout on Campus Priorities: Our mission, vision, values and priorities. College Strategic Planning is finished per President Bitterbaum.

- Dean Mattingly asked how recent is your department Strategic Plan? (e.g. GRY, last year).
- Can you align your strategic plan to the college strategic plan? That is the department’s first step.
- Second step – are changes needed at Arts and Sciences? – e.g. change the “Learning to Make the Difference” document.
- Let’s start at department level.
- Middle States will dig into this material.

J. Ouellete– about the priorities section– the commitment to “emotional well being” there – that is not what we do. Are all decisions really about students?

B. Mattingly – No department should try to check off all items on the “priorities”. These are the goals – we can challenge ourselves to do better, in line with this vision. There is room to identify your ideal destination, if resources were better. But also identify what can be done in the interim.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Jerome O’Callaghan

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