

## **Arts and Sciences Chairs' Council Meeting Minutes 3/31/14**

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Present: Bruce Mattingly, Scott Anderson, Seth Asumah, David Barclay, Kathleen Burke, Peter Ducey, Andrew Fitz-Gibbon, Timothy Gerhard, Herbert Haines, Isa Jubran, Kathryn Kramer, Matthew Lessig, David Neal, Jerome O'Callaghan, Judith Ouellette, Gregory Phelan, Brice Smith, Henry Steck, Randi Storch, Paul van der Veur.

Guest: Alexandru Balas

#### **Announcements:**

- Teaching Innovations Grants: applications due today to the Faculty Development Center.
- A&S Curriculum Committee elections: nomination forms due April 4 to the Dean.
- 2014-2015 Conversations in the Disciplines: application Transfer paths – the working groups are ending soon and recommendations will go to deadline is April 11 to RSPV.
- J. O'Callaghan announced that Robert Hofmann will be on campus, Thursday. Thanks to the History, Sociology and Economics departments for their cooperation in building a schedule.
- Transfer Paths – the working groups are ending soon and recommendations will go to SUNY, soon.
  - There may be a waiver process regarding not accepting the transfer credits as required courses.
  - Experiences in the discussion have been varied and often disappointing.

#### **Topics Discussed:**

- IR policies regarding control of data; using personal hard drives etc. for sensitive data. Apparently, the new approach to data security. It's hard to reconcile this with the proliferation of hard drives, thumb drives, and cloud services.
- GE proposal has gone to the senate.
- P.Ducey - *only one* proposal went to the Senate. One option is no change – that depends on Senate action and a referendum – in effect, this is a new proposal, not yet debated. We need a serious discussion rather than tinkering with the status quo. Moving too quickly on a proposal that the campus has not considered.

#### **Concerns Raised:**

- There is some unfinished work in Dowd per the Performing Arts and Art departments. Joe W. has been contacted.
- We need SUNY to know that the Pathways are in some cases not supported and the process was very uneven.
- Not clear if the version that goes forward is supported by the majority.
- GE 2 now includes non-lab courses. But a lab course is essential, GE 2 will need to be revisited.

### **Dean's Office:**

- Update from President's Council – the budget overview from Mary K. Murphy is not optimistic regarding 2014-15. Expected additional revenue is \$1.2 million from tuition. Salary increases are \$1 million. Higher utility costs are also expected.
- The Long Island hospital issue is still not fully resolved. A potential threat to our reserves.
- P-cards should not be used to purchase technology items at retail stores. Go through campus channels.
- Facilities regarding move to Bowers: only one class is approved for Bowers this semester. The schedule for faculty moves is being built.

We are making progress on both ends regarding the fall 2014 schedule.

We appreciate efforts departments have made to change the schedule to relieve the blockages.

### **New Business:**

Faculty search requests: 2014-15 – twenty requests in Arts & Sciences.

Bruce M. – there is no clear sense yet of how many lines will be approved by the President. The two other schools have a lower number.

It's quite possible that searches will be fewer in 2014/2015.

Salary compression is an issue that will need more attention; potentially a half-million dollar issue. DSI won't be around as a solution to that.

Per Bob Spitzer, hiring new faculty is a higher priority than the compression issue.

Bruce is interested in collective **input** re searches.

The next A&S Chairs Council will meet for one hour to discuss prioritizing the needs regarding searches. The issue of criteria needs attention.

### **Other:**

- Course Creator generates data that are then typed in over again at the Registrar's Office and errors can occur.
  - Unreliable "attribute" delegation – a lot for fall.
  - More burdens on departments now due to "automation."