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Consultative Committee Meeting 29 August 2013

Present: LeAnn Dean, Molly Donovan, Jim Barbour, Nancy Helsper, Joey Daniewicz, Chad Braegelmann, Jim Hall, Janet Erickson, Ray Schultz, Alison Wolf, Heather Waye

Selection of Chair/Cochairs: Ray S. says he prefers cochairs. He will serve if called.

It was decided in discussion that one cochair should be faculty, the other from a different constituency. Joey D. volunteered. Janet E. moved and Jim H. seconded that we elect Ray and Joey as cochairs by acclamation. Motion passed. Meeting continues with Ray and Joey presiding.

Minutes from 2 May 2013 meeting: Clarification of last paragraph. Wording changed to “to discuss issues raised by constituents.” Motion/Second, Passed with correction.

Meeting time: Thursdays at 10:00? Janet is FCC rep – those meetings will interfere on Thursdays. Joey has Board of Regents meeting once per month. Is Tuesday viable? No – many not available. Upon further discussion, **Thursdays at 10:00** was selected by acclamation. LeAnn has booked the Prairie Lounge for the entire semester.

Janet raises concern about charge of the Consultative Committee – it is too vague. Current web page has new language, but old page is still up. Jim H. will see that the old page is deleted. Discussion: CC is a representative advisory board. Are we reactive or proactive? Who sets the agenda? We do, but administrators often ask for specific discussions. The CC has been evolving from reactive to proactive. We decided that the regular reports from VCs are valuable and should be continued. Alison reports that Student Government has taken up the cause of “Cougar Positivity.” It was decided by consensus that Ray and Joey will draft a letter to the Campus Community soliciting input on issues of concern.

Do we need to revisit anything from last year? Molly suggests the Bullying Issue – where do we take it from here? Janet suggests Carolyn Chalmers (TC Campus) as a good resource. Conversation about bullying followed. Question: Would we be the executors of any plan we came up with? No, we make recommendations to the proper entities. Last year we sent emails to the Chancellor with some suggestions.

RAR redux: Next Phase – “What do we do now?” we could explore what has been done and what should be done next. We should invite the Chancellor to discuss RAR – we could add this issue to a routine meeting.

Associate Dean position: status? We should review this.

ACE Director: Jess Larson serving as transitional leader. Ask VCAA if he wants consultation on this matter. Probably invite Sarah Ashkar. ACE will be reconfigured – staff input would be very valuable. Perhaps meet with Bart and Sarah together.

Follow up on Plant Services' plan for using only HEAPR funds with no bonding. Invite VCFF Lowell Rasmussen to discuss. Also could explore issues in Humanities.

Beginning our work this semester: Begin by inviting Jacquie, Bart, and Lowell. We should get Jacquie ASAP because of an RAR deadline in October. General email to the campus community will go out this week or early next. We can also send notes during the semester.

FCC visit tomorrow: Janet reports that there will be only one visitor from FCC. Possible topics of discussion: relations between UMM and U administration; void left by departure of Robert Jones; TC ignorance of UMM issues; IT issues; healthcare; continuity in our relationship with FCC

We will meet tomorrow for lunch with the FCC representative. Get lunch at TMC and we will dine in the Prairie Lounge.

Adjourn at 10:58 AM

Submitted by Jim Barbour