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Minutes  
Consultative Committee  
February 3, 2010  
Imholte Hall 218  
2:15 – 3:15 PM

Present: Jon Anderson, Nancy Carpenter, Brad Deane, Laura Thielke, Attina Earl, Zak Forde, Jane Kill, Paula O'Loughlin, Matt Privatsky, Sydney Sweep, Sharon Van Eps

Absent: Jen Zych Herrmann, Ron Kubik

Meetings will occur on Wednesdays at 2:15pm.

Blue Ribbon Meeting Update:

Recent meeting discussed the Financing The Future strategies, for 5 hours. There are 19 members of the Blue Ribbon Panel. There will be a meeting on Feb 16 to discuss ideas with stakeholders. Chancellor will pick from volunteers in the blue ribbon group to attend this second meeting on 2/16 with external stakeholders. The folks who are picked will be recording external folks thoughts for whole groups' knowledge. There was discussion of the idea to evaluate if the changes made last year have done what was intended, and what was their impact more generally. Kathy Julik-Heine may provide expertise to this group by serving on the all-University, Blue Ribbon Panel.

UMM Constitution:

Discussed the failure of proposed constitution to pass, and what input to give to the Executive Committee and Chancellor. The group suggested the Executive Committee take steps to bring the proposed constitution forward to the campus again for another vote. It was suggested that additional email alerts be provided nearer to the vote deadline.

Items for future meeting with Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs (VCAA):

Discussed possible items for the VCAA meeting agenda. Academic appeals during the summer have no student representation on the panel that reviews cases. Should this group have students? The mechanism seems to be based on all-University policies. One of the divisions has concerns on post-tenure review policies, and peer-review of teaching. E-education and preparations for international students arriving on campus from China were also mentioned.

The email solicitation for committee action yielded 5 items:

1. What is the impact of the 2009 reorganization of units? How will these be evaluated?  
The group suggested we discuss this with both the VCAA and Chancellor.
2. Gender-Neutral Bathrooms:  
One letter expressed that gender-neutral bathrooms might be nice for the campus. It might make some students feel safer, and attract students to campus. The group decided to refer to the Student Services Committee.

3. Food Service System:  
A request was made for a food system where the student pays for the amount of food consumed. This comment will be referred to the Student Services Committee.
4. Textbook Rentals:  
There was a suggestion to develop a textbook rental system. Also referred to Student Services Committee.
5. Student Fees:  
There was a concern expressed about paying student service fees for services that are not used. This comment was tabled.
6. Reserved Time for Meetings:  
There was a request to modify the schedule to reserve time for meetings during the academic year. This will be forwarded to the VCAA and Executive Committee.
7. Communication with campus:  
The writer wrote that communication between commencement and the August-Start of academic year is not the same as consultation. Administrators can not presume faculty and students will be able to participate fully. The write also noted that administrators have not held themselves to the same timeliness in taking actions that are provided to groups on campus for making reports and justifications. The group decided to discuss this with the VCAA and Chancellor.

Nancy Carpenter described recent action items at the Twin Cities FCC meetings: conflict of interest policy etc.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Anderson