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December 2, 2011
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Committee members present: Molly Donovan, Manjari Govada, Bonnie Tipcke, Troy Goodnough, Brook Miller, Dennis Stewart, Nancy Helsper, Jim Barbour, Nic McPhee, Jen Zych Hermann

1. Motion to approve minutes from the previous meeting was approved. Troy moved, Molly seconded, and the motion passed with one abstention (Brook)
2. Nic suggested that he and Jen would send out suggestions for next semester's meeting schedule. He asked that everyone update their Google Calendar by the end of the day today to facilitate this.
3. Manjari asked whether a new student representative could come onto the committee without an election (to substitute for Molly, who will be abroad). Nic suggested that MCSA could contact the membership committee, which would bring the substitute student representative to campus assembly.
4. Jen updated us on the ACE and CST position discussions with Bart. Bart seems receptive to maintaining an openness to staff as candidates for the CST position, though he believes it would be simpler from a financial perspective to have faculty fill the position.
5. Troy expressed approval of the model through which these conversations were held, and the committee discussed
   a. How to make this a model for future discussions and whether to create a document describing its purview and role; and
   b. Whether/how to express an expectation that administrators will consult with the departments/programs/disciplines affected in creating position descriptions;
   c. we discussed whether our committee sees it as its purview to consult on director-level positions and above, or what committees;
   d. we discussed the tension between being an elected, and thus representative body and needing to maintain confidentiality in certain situations;
   e. Nic suggested that we report to Campus Assembly what we've been talking about to inform campus constituents.
   f. Nancy wondered whether we'd like to be primarily reactive or proactive, and we discussed how this changes over time.

Nic suggested that we follow up on the assistant dean responsibilities, and how the lack of that position is affecting a variety of offices on campus, followed by reporting of our findings to the dean and other key campus constituents. Also, there was interest in following up on how the responsibilities of the former secretary of Scholastic are being fulfilled.

.   Related to this, we expressed interest in knowing how the Dean position is going—whether it permits time for looking at the big picture—without the Assistant Dean position;
We anticipate discussing an updated staffing plan with Jacquie in the spring.
Troy asked about whether we have a role to play in communicating with the Resource Allocation Task Force.

.   Specifically, whether we should consult about the ACE office further, and about whether the demands of the position exceed the current course release/compensation arrangements.

~Submitted by Brook Miller