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Campus Assembly Minutes
April 22, 2013

I. Chancellor's Remarks.

Chancellor Johnson gave the following remarks: "It is Earth Day, the 43th annual celebration of the planet, the mother, and a reminder of our obligations to steward the environment – a concept that is also included in our mission statement, by the way. The first Earth Day celebrated in 1970, the outgrowth at least in part of an oil spill in Santa Barbara in 1969, the dismay felt over that devastation to the environment, and with the leadership of a Wisconsin democrat, Gaylord Nelson. It was started first, I believe, as a series of Teach-ins – a methodology fresh in people's minds from the Viet Nam War era protests. Earth Day is now celebrated as a global event in 102 countries by an estimated one billion people.

On this campus, we continue to do our part – powered by wind; heated and cooled by biomass; warmed by solar. We compost; we conserve; we drive hybrid cars as part of our fleet; and we study and research and learn. We are among the original signatories of the American College and University's President's Climate Commitment – carries a number of obligations, including the development and publicizing of a climate action plan; we are active members and leaders with UMACS; we are members of AASHE and charter members of STARS; and more.

There are many activities going on this week to recognize Earth Day, including film, lecture, and the opportunity to tour the Green Prairie residence hall on Tuesday. Check your calendars and join in.

Speaking of the new residence hall – it is progressing on track and time, with anticipated opening fall 2013. It will include new and returning students, from uber-green to green-light to ungreen, from first years to seniors.

Enrollment: the first registration for new students was held last week. We have a record number of applications again and the numbers look positive and promising.

We will talk more about the Resource Allocation Review later in the meeting.

The Steering Committee makes this request: when you are speaking, when I call on you, would you please note who you are – the committee notes that not everyone here does know everyone here – especially but not only true for newcomers – and it could help if you introduced yourself by name and the role you play at UMM."

II. From the Steering Committee. Minutes from the March 26, 2013 Campus Assembly meeting were unanimously approved.

III. Old Business.

A. For information. Update on the Resource Allocation Review.

Chancellor Johnson gave a few highlights from the April 12 meeting about the RAR process. She encourages everyone to read the entire report. Now that we have developed the criteria and applied rubrics; the outcome is that we have 49 programs slated for "revisit"; 6 programs are in the "consider for reduction or reorganize" and 1 program is in the enhanced investment category. There has been a lot of critique about the process and a lot of questions have been asked. The next step will be to work with the programs in the revisit category. She will ask each vice chancellor to work with the programs in their area and report their findings by October 2013. We will identify a method and timeline for regularizing program reviews and find the right place for this in our governance structure. She thanked Jon Anderson and Brook Miller for their work.

Brook Miller noted that the committee seemed to be well constituted and worked very well together. He also praised the work of Jon Anderson. He added that the report talks about continuing the resource allocation review process and how to change the process the next time.

Jon Anderson said he would document and archive the data instruments on what was done so there is some record of this when pieces of information need to be used or retrieved. The big take away for him is that this should be a process we routinely do and that is also part of the challenge going forward.

IV. New Business.

A. For Action. From the Membership Committee. Proposed 2013-2014 Core Standing and other Standing Committee Roster were unanimously approved.

Zak Forde noted that the committee expects some changes in the fall. The process was done electronically this year. If assembly members have any special concerns, please contact the Membership Committee.

B. For Action. From the Curriculum Committee. Summary of curricular changes were unanimously approved.

Humanities Division

ENGL 4035 - Research Seminar: Booker Watch: Contemporary British Literature and the Emergence of Canonicity (IP, 4 cr)

-- *New course*

CMR 2431 - International Communication Competence (IP, 2 cr)

-- *Deactivate course*

LANG 2431 - International Communication Competence (IP, cr)

-- *Deactivate course*

Science and Mathematics Division

CSI 4459 - Virtualization and Operating System Administration, Configuration, and Implementation (4 cr)

-- *New course*

CSI 1101 - Dynamic Web Programming (M/SR, 2 cr)

-- *Deactivate course*

CSI 3601 – Software Design and Development (M/SR, 5 cr)

-- *Revised course*

Social Sciences Division

POL 3221 – Judicial Politics (SS, 4 cr)

-- *Revised course*

PSY 2112 – Psycholinguistics (SS, 4 cr)

-- *Revised course*

PSY 3402 – Developmental Psychology II: Adolescence and Emerging Adulthood (SS, 4 cr)

--*Revised course*

PSY 4301 – Clinical Assessment and Therapeutic Interventions (4 cr)

-- *Revised course*

Interdisciplinary Studies

IS 1811 – Beyond Shushing: Libraries in the 21st Century (IC, 2 cr)

-- *New course*

IS 1812 – As We Beg, Borrow, and Steal: Sampling, Quoting, and Appropriation in the Digital Age (IC, 2 cr)

-- *New course*

C. Other new business. None

V. Campus Committee Reports.

Scholastic Committee

Jennifer Goodnough said there is an uptick in reports for academic dishonesty. It is likely due to the fact that more faculty are reporting and not because more students are cheating. The Scholastic Committee website has links on how to report academic dishonesty. The SAIC grid shows that when students value the material in their class, they are much less likely to cheat. Reporting should happen in the two week time period.

Student Affairs

Peter Bremer said the committee has reviewed and approved new Student Affairs website template; reviewed technology updates; toured Louie's Lower Level; approved the installation of baby changing tables; received an update from Student Counseling regarding their website; received an update from MCSA; had speakers from Financial Aid and Student Counseling regarding the student employment cap of 10 hours a week. The committee has asked the Student Employment subcommittee to make a recommendation. In addition, Papercut printers were installed in the residence halls; discussed an opt-in list for the student listserv. We have reviewed student housing numbers and are in the process of making a recommendation to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. We approved constitutions and revisions to a wide variety of student organizations. We began discussions in regard to Student Affairs and MCSA election issue. The committee is in the process of reviewing the campus smoking policy.

Membership Committee

Zak Forde reported that the committee elected Matt Zaske to serve as chair for the next academic year. The committee also discussed the issue of administrative reviews and will continue to discuss how to best work with the Chancellor going forward. The committee will work with MCSA to make sure the timeline for elections happen in a manner that works with the Campus Assembly meeting schedule. Elections will now be held before spring break.

Faculty Development

Siobhan Bremer said the committee discussed faculty membership program; release grants; created a website; and will be planning the Fall Professional Development Day on August 19, 2013.

VI. All University Reports.

Evan Vogel said there have been a lot of meetings about the green reinvestment fund. President Kaler suggested it become an All-University type award as a university-wide sustainability champion. Medical amnesty is currently going through the state legislature. The bill will give underage drinkers protection from minor consumption citations if they call 911 in a medical emergency. He believes this reinforces the Good Samaritan law.

Sarah Buchanan said she is on the All-University International Programs Committee. There are a number of initiatives that the Twin Cities is spearheading including Go Minnesota, which is designed to be a program that will recruit international students.

Kristin Lamberty said the Senate Committee on Information Technologies has a lot of information about MOOCs. She has additional resources if people are interested.

VII. Announcements.

MCSA elections were held and Hazen Fairbanks is the new President.

Sarah Mattson reported that a small group has been charged to create a Civil Service Merit Pay Plan. The group includes Sarah, Sharon Van Eps, Matt Senger and Lisa Harris. They are currently in the consultative process.

Chancellor Johnson thanked everyone in the room for the additional work that people take on in addition to their regular job. She thinks this is phenomenal and is what makes this campus distinctive. She thanked everyone for his or her leadership.

Adjourned at 5:40 pm.