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Steering Committee Meeting
February 19, 2018

Present: Nic McPhee, Dave Roberts, Tim Lindberg, Michelle Behr, LeAnn Dean,
Angie Senger, Noah Pilugen

Minutes from October 24, November 7, and November 28 were approved as presented.

Campus Assembly agenda for 2.28.18 meeting

Because the agenda is relatively light, Nic wondered if we have enough content to hold the meeting. Membership Committee has asked for time on the agenda. Steering agreed to have Rebecca Dean give an update in response to HLC's February request for an interim report on assessment practices and to have Melissa Bert given an update on HLC at upcoming Assembly meetings if there's something to report.

Steering will include a statement that will be sent out with the Assembly materials recognizing that there are no action items for this meeting but that the committee felt it was important to have a meeting where groups can share updates on important accreditation tasks.

Michelle agreed to talk about the strategic visioning and planning task force and will announce the membership and will also give an update on the legislative kickoff.

Steering revisited the issue of location for assembly meetings and discussed the merits of holding the meetings in Imholte Hall vs Science Auditorium. The committee agreed to continue to hold Assembly meetings in the Science Auditorium.

Report on on-going and upcoming Steering Committee business.

Nic and Tammy reported that they have had various meetings with various people to talk about things related to Steering. Some of the issues could be addressed this semester and some are long term.

There is a possibility of trial changes to the Assessment of Student Learning Committee. The proposal is that ASLC will ultimately be eliminated. They propose to add an additional member to the Curriculum Committee whose job would be to report on assessment at the CC meetings. There are still additional administrative resources on how to handle day-to-day issues that need to be addressed. This would be a Constitutional change. Because the Constitution Task Force has already proposed that some committees to be eliminated, Nic and Tammy felt we would want to move carefully and thoughtfully and do this as a package and not piecemeal. The inclination is not to make any big changes right away but rather to explore the idea of possible trails to get experience with new ways of doing something before making major changes.

One concern is that this would add a significant responsibility piece for the Curriculum Committee. Nic added that one could argue that Curriculum couldn't do their work well without the assessment piece. This could be an opportunity to have Curriculum focus on important things and reduce the busy work component of the committee. Some of the current work of the Curriculum Committee could be done at the division level. Steering could ask Curriculum to review their workload and make some recommendations using a set of criteria. Tim worried there would be no conversations at the Campus Assembly level. Steering could encourage Curriculum to address some of the controversies. Right now we basically have a consent model and there's really not much discussion. Nic added there are several things that warrant a broader conversation.

The Constitution states that a Commission on Women rep serves on several of our committees. A subgroup of the Commission is exploring an alternative model where every major committee would have one person who is a diversity advocate. The subgroup has met with Consultative and Membership and has requested to meet with Steering. This could also be done as a trial run before making any Constitutional changes. Stay tuned for more information.