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Steering Committee Agenda
Monday, October 14, 2019
Prairie Lounge

Present: Ted Pappenfus, Jennifer Goodnough, Michelle Behr, Kari Adams, LeAnn Dean, Sam Rosemark, Tim Lindberg

Minutes from 10.8.19 Steering Committee meeting approved with two abstentions.

Review & finalize draft agenda for October 29, 2019 Campus Assembly. Ted will reach out to Sheri Breen and P&A Senate representatives to see if they are willing to give an update and also talk about the process for becoming a representative.

Joint Steering/Consultative Subcommittee: Volunteers needed to work with Consultative in identifying/clarifying the role of each committee in the consultation process of our shared governance.

Ted reported he was approached by Consultative to see if anyone on Steering would like to participate in a joint Consultative/Steering meeting to look at identifying/clarifying the role of each committee in the consultation process of our shared governance. Jenn added that this could provide guidance on where to take an issue. Consultative wants to know when they should take up an issue or redirect to someone else. Jenn is willing to participate in the joint meeting given her role on FCC and the Senate FCC which are not analogous of what we do but pieces are analogous. LeAnn and Tim are also willing to serve. Tim added that Consultative may be wondering how they are supposed to work and it may not be clear given the practice in the last few years. Jenn said this could be a way for Consultative to define their role as not just a committee where people can voice their complaints. This could create value in what they do and how they are communicating with the campus community about what they do. Jenn wondered if a student representative should also be part of the joint meeting.

Community Schedule and Next Steps

Ted reported that the alternate schedule was sent to discipline coordinators with the following question:

Does your discipline use the Thursday Community Hour time slot for discipline meetings and, if so, how often is this time slot used for your discipline meetings?

The results:

19 responses
Yes: 5 (26%)
Sometimes: 2 (11%)
No: 12 (63%)

For those that do hold discipline meetings during Community Hour, meetings (on average) are held 1-2 times per month.

Ted asked if Steering was comfortable sharing the alternate plan with committee chairs. Jenn noted that Curriculum and Scholastic would always have the Registrar representative overlap. There are also division chair conflicts. We could do a test run for the spring, which will inform us for the 2020-21 proposal. Ted will send to division chair, committee chairs, vice chancellors and Dave Israels-Swenson asking for their feedback.

Extending invitations to individuals who do not routinely attend Campus Assembly

Steering discussed whether or not to create a Google form for Assembly members who would like to be reinstated. Ted and LeAnn will draft language and we will plan to send something out for the spring semester. We should remind people that it's easy to be reinstated.

Update on Ad Hoc Committee elimination.

LeAnn said the committee met last week and plans to start with the Faculty Development Committee and whether or not it makes sense for all duties to go to the Faculty and P&A Affairs Committee. They also talked about Functions & Awards Committee and are happy to report that Conferencing and Special Events are willing to take on all of the work of that committee.

Jenn added that SCEP technically oversees the Morris Award. We approve the slate but the campus has never talked about criteria, process or nominations.