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Consultative Committee

Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 8, 2017 (1:30 pm Moccasin Flower Room)

Members Present: Sarah Buchanan, Mike Cihak, Nancy Helsper, Michelle Page, Angela Stangl, Jeri Squier

Meeting called to order at 1:34 PM.

Angela Stangl (former chair) informed members that Membership Committee and Morris Campus Student Association (MCSA) are working on populating our committee. One student member (Noah Pilugin) is continuing on this committee but could not attend today's meeting while two other students are yet to be determined. There is one PA vacancy due to a member leaving the university and this position must be filled via election.

The committee discussed whether we should request a replacement for a faculty committee member on single semester leave. This has not been ruled out but it seems that by the time a replacement could be found there would be little of the semester left in which that person could participate in the committee.

One member asked if there were any new developments regarding the status of the Consultative Committee since the CC had been named as a possibility for one of the committees to be dissolved. No one had additional or new information but this is something that CC will be monitoring during the upcoming year.

Potential meeting times and frequency were discussed. There was agreement that the CC could likely accomplish its work by meeting every other week. We will seek to put one regular meeting time on the calendar and hold "off" week time slots for guests who cannot make regular meetings or to accommodate other infrequent needs. Possibilities include 9AM on Wednesdays or perhaps early afternoon on Fridays. We will hold the most promising meeting time and will inform MCSA of our schedule in the hopes of getting student members who can participate at this time.

It was agreed that the CC should send out its solicitation of campus issues and concerns rather than wait for full committee population so that we would have a better sense of the workload of the committee this year. Angela Stangl and Michelle Page (as former chairs) will work together to send this to the campus.

The committee discussed possible carry-forward items from the previous year as well as other new issues that might be explored this year. These include:

- Transfer student support issues
- Assessment
- Campus climate and communication
- Status of Consultative Committee
- Role of CC in the Student Behavior Committee Hearing Appeal Panel process—investigate how other campuses in the system do this, how other small colleges do this, is

this appropriate for our committee, and if not how we can modify the policy where we are named (especially if it is recommended that this committee be dissolved)

- UMM's participation in the National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity. This is a very helpful resource and organization. Membership is institutional. The Twin Cities campus has a membership. However, that membership is paid (we have heard) and administered by the Provost's office which has responsibility for the entire system. How can UMM get an institutional membership so that individual faculty are not paying for these resources (either out-of-pocket or through grant monies)? This issue was raised by the UMM representative to the all-University Faculty Consultative Committee and we (CC) should monitor this and keep pressing for support.
- What is the role of the CC in our strategic planning efforts? Should we request to be involved in particular aspects of the process and/or volunteer to do particular tasks?
- How can CC offer support and/or information related to the state legislative mandate regarding a UMM program for students with special needs (i.e., developmental disabilities, etc.)?
- The final Quality Initiative report/plan was submitted to the Higher Learning Commission recently. This is a topic that the dean spoke to CC about in 2016 and 2017. Michelle will check with Melissa Bert to see if the final report/plan can be shared with CC due to our prior discussions of this topic.
- UMM has lower than hoped for enrollment this year. This will impact our campus budget and perhaps cuts will be needed. How can CC help? We should probably be prepared to weigh in on these issues. We'd like to investigate how the Twin Cities exceeded its enrollment goal. We (all at UMM) also need to communicate that this over-enrollment at our neighboring campus comes at the expense of our Morris campus in many ways. We have heard that the Twin Cities has been deliberately targeting and recruiting rural students and these are students who would seriously consider Morris.
- Related to enrollment and budget, what can be done to make our branding or advertising better? Some folks did not really like the UMM tagline of "A renewable, sustainable education" but this tagline at least gave our campus an identity. What is our identity now? How can we better sell ourselves, especially when resources are so scarce?

There will be a meeting for committee chairs on September 14 at 10AM. Angie has agreed to represent CC even though we currently have no chair. We will wait to select a chair until the committee has been populated. Angie will convene the next meeting as well (thanks Angie!!).

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by Michelle Page