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10 September 2019
Meeting Number 1
Imholte 115

Members present: Ann DuHamel, Brandon King, Margaret Kuchenreuther, Clement Loo, Will Rottler, Julia Scovil, Kristina Smith, Angela Stangl, Josh Westfield, Sheila Windingstad

Members absent: Janel Mendoza

I. Review of **purpose of the Consultative Committee**, as per UMM Constitution

Members are encouraged to talk to the constituency.

Particularly USA constituency may feel/has in the past felt disenfranchised.

USA is welcome and encouraged to participate in discussions/campus governance.

II. Discussion of **potential agenda items** for the semester

- Item brought to committee over the summer re: administrative transparency
 - Discussion of perceptions of the ways that campus top-level administrators communicate to campus at large
 - In Campus Constitution, Article I, Section 3, other administrators:

“The chancellor will delegate various authorities to other administrators (vice chancellors, associate vice chancellors, and others that report directly to the chancellor). Any reorganization of those administrative offices shall be carried out in consultation with the campus community.

In the appointment of these administrators, the chancellor shall use a formal search process that is visibly inclusive and open.

In the event it becomes necessary to appoint one of these administrators on an interim basis, the chancellor shall consult with the Steering Committee and other appropriate members of the campus community before making an appointment.”

- Meaning of “Consulting”
- How do we as a campus community move forward in a respectful way? Overall climate on campus, and impact of this climate. How do we do the work without creating more issues? Can we re-frame this to more positively discuss key communications? How to productively address the issues brought to us.
 - Using “If, then” strategies.
 - Other concrete ideas:
 - Strategic planning: we need to have more open discussion times.
 - Lay out topics for strategic planning meetings beforehand

- Can we do these sorts of meetings during community hour?
 - Can Steering Committee, now with more streamlined committee expectations, take more charge with this? Reinforcing idea that some of these really important discussions should be open to everybody.
- How will we dovetail system-wide U of MN Strategic planning with our UMM Strategic planning?
 - Whose responsibility will this be, and how will it work from a governance standpoint?
- Written rules on campus not being followed, unwritten rules on campus
- List serve idea (from Jess Larson) – UMMACADEMIC
 - Items of broad campus interest, co-curricular, and academic
 - Perhaps ACE could be moderator?
 - Opt-in
- Next time:
 - Elect chair/co-chairs
 - What topics should be covered this semester
 - Minute takers should communicate early with chairs to get them refined, work toward consistency
 - General schedule is helpful.
 - Think about your constituencies, what you have heard. What are things this committee can pull together to act, make a statement.
 - Need to start inviting people to our committee meetings now:
 - Recommending visits with Chancellor, with Dean, with Sheri Breen from U of MN consultative, Melissa Bert, Bill Zimmerman, someone from communications/Jenna Ray. Discussion from Consulting Groups observations?
 - Margaret in interim will check with Carrie Grussing re: Chancellor's schedule.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday, September 24, 2019, pending U of MN President Joan Gabel's visit

Adjournment time: 12:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ann DuHamel, assistant professor of music

Date submitted to Digital Well: