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Campus Assembly Minutes
February 27, 2012

I. Chancellor's Remarks.

Chancellor Johnson gave the following remarks,

"Campus Assembly: for efficiency, at future meetings, we will pass around the sign up sheets at the beginning of the meeting. As an empirical look, of the 209 Campus Assembly members, 54 notified Carrie that they wouldn't be here today; 34 have never attended; and seven have been removed for neglect.

Weather: Stay tuned – literally; text; home page; radio stations. Two windows of opportunity (or challenge) – tomorrow afternoon; Wednesday morning. As one of our facilities crew reminded me, no matter what decision we make, we always look forward to hearing from someone about how it's the wrong one...campus doesn't literally "close"--residential after all – class cancellations and office closings are always a possibility, and we have policies that govern this.

Community of Scholars: Thanks. Also thanks to those of you who are involved in the MANY searches we have going on--and for the successful ones we have closed.

RAR: Ask you to please take time to review the message I sent earlier today regarding the work of the Resource Allocation Review Task Force – summary of work completed since Jon reported, and also a preview of what's to come. Grateful to Jon, the committee chairs and the committee members for their work. We had two very productive meetings in January to assist us in continuing to move forward with what is a complicated but also valuable process. Our work is being conducted in the consultative spirit of this campus, which means that it takes time and energy, and that it is complicated. The work responds to the fact that we are not likely to see a dramatic turnaround in the decline of state funds for higher education, that we can't continue to address cost increases on the backs of our students, and that we have to think about everything that we are doing – and determine whether we can do it better, more efficiently and effectively, and in some cases, whether we need to do it at all. And of course we also need to continue to think creatively about new sources of revenue and cost avoidance. We anticipate some open community forums thinking that there are going to be questions and concerns about this process as it unfolds, and that we want a venue to focus on these issues.

Upcoming budget meeting: preparing for our annual compact meeting which is March 9th in the Twin Cities. This is the meeting where I present our budget picture for this year to a cast of characters from the Twin Cities and where I present our budget forecast for next year, based on a number of parameters which we are given – these include an anticipated tuition increase of 3.5%; an anticipated salary increase of 2.5 % (pending collective bargaining for bargaining units); cost pool increases that are considerable for us – external givens. And also including our own internal projections regarding merit scholarship increases. Thanks to Lowell Rasmussen, Colleen Miller and Bryan Herrmann as well as the finance committee chaired by Roland

Guyotte for their weekly meetings since the beginning of this semester as we work through these numbers. This is also an opportunity at this meeting for us to present information about new initiatives – and an opportunity for us to present information about those things which present unusual challenges for us. Under the latter heading, the FACPA committee has recast the faculty salary study; we have a comparable study for P and A staff. I expect to take these forward again with a request for recurring funds – pending the recommendation of the Finance Committee.”

II. For Action. From the Steering Committee. Minutes from 11/30/11 Campus Assembly Meeting approved as presented.

III. Old Business.

A. For Action. From the Dean’s Office. Options for 2016-2017 Academic Calendar. Motion to have the Campus Assembly vote on the one of the four proposals included in the assembly packet was moved and seconded. Version #1 approved.

IV. New Business.

A. For Action. From the Curriculum Committee. The following curricular changes were approved as presented.

HUMANITIES

New Courses

ARTH 4810 – Practicum in Art History Pedagogy (1-4 cr)

CMR 2431 – International Communication Competence (IP; 2 cr) [Same as LANG 2431]

ENGL 3167 – Studies in Contemporary British and Anglophone Literature (HUM; 4 cr)

ENGL 3414 – Feminist Theory (HDIV; 4 cr) [Same as GWSS 3414]

ENGL 4033 – Research Seminar: Ralph Ellison, Richard Wright, and J. Saunders Redding (HDIV; 4 cr)

FREN 3605 – FRS: Le Cinema du Maghreb (IP; 4 cr)

LANG 2431 – International Communication Competence (IP; 2 cr) [Same as CMR 2431]

LAT 1001 – Beginning Latin I (4 cr)

LAT 1002 – Beginning Latin II (FL; 4 cr)

MUS 1301 – Chamber Winds (ART/P; 1 cr)

MUS 1331 – Brass Ensemble (ART/P; 1 cr)

MUS 1321 – Chamber Choir (ART/P; 1 cr)

MUS 1801 – Introduction to American Popular Music (IC; 4 cr)

Revised Courses

ASL 1001 – Beginning Sign Language I (4 cr)

ASL 1002 – Beginning Sign Language II (FL; 4 cr)

ENGL 1001 – Fundamentals of Writing I (4 cr)
ENGL 2022 – Sports Literature and Writing (ART/P; 4 cr)
ENGL 2501 – Literary Studies (HUM; 4 cr)
ENGL 3142 – The Rise of the Novel (HUM; 4 cr)
GWSS 3414 – Feminist Theory (HDIV; 4 cr) [Same as ENGL 3414]
MUS 1049 – Introduction to American Popular Music (HUM; 4 cr)
MUS 1070 – Instrumental Chamber Ensemble (ART/P; 1 cr)
MUS 1080 – Jazz Combo (ART/P; 1 cr)
MUS 1090 – Vocal Chamber Ensemble (ART/P; 1 cr)
MUS 1101 – Core Studies I: Music Theory I (M/SR; 4 cr)
MUS 1102 – Core Studies I: Music Theory II (M/SR; 4 cr)
MUS 1300 – UMM Symphonic Winds (ART/P; 1 cr)
MUS 1310 – University Choir (ART/P; 1 cr)
MUS 1320 – Concert Choir (ART/P; 1 cr)
MUS 1330 – Jazz Ensemble (ART/P; 1 cr)
MUS 1340 – Orchestra (ART/P; 1 cr)
MUS 1370 – Chamber Orchestra (ART/P; 1 cr)
MUS 2101 – Core Studies II: Music Theory III (HUM; 4 cr)
MUS 2102 – Core Studies II: Music Theory IV (HUM; 4 cr)
MUS 4101 – Form and Analysis (4 cr)
MUS 4102 – Counterpoint (FA; 4 cr)
MUS 4103 – Seminar: Topics in Music History (HIST; 4 cr)

Deactivated Course

ENGL 1002 – Fundamentals of Writing II (CW; 4 cr)

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

New Courses

IS 1807 – Drugged Society: Humanity’s Long-term Relationship with Mind-altering Substances (IC; 2 cr)

IS 1808 – Agents and Agency: Modeling Emergence in the Social Sciences (IC; 2 cr)

SOCIAL SCIENCES

New Courses

AMIN/HIST 1701 – Global Indigenous History (HIST; 4 cr)

ANTH 1812 – Human Societies: Past and Present, Fact and Fiction (IC; 4 cr)

ANTH 2202 – Men and Masculinities (SS; 4 cr)

ANTH 2605 – Anthropology of Globalization (SS; 4 cr)

ANTH 3352 – Representation and Power in Contemporary China (SS; 4 cr)

HIST 1815 – Women in the American West (IC; 4 cr)

HIST 1816 – Explaining the Inexplicable: 20th Century Genocides (IC; 2 cr)

SOC 1813 – Political Economy of “Natural” Disaster (IC; 2 cr)

New Courses (provisionally approved):

HIST 1813 – World Indigenous History (IC; 4 cr)

HIST 2451 – The American West (HIST; 4 cr)

B. For Information. Updated “Recovered Facilities and Administrative Costs Distribution Policy” by Roger Wareham.

Roger stated the current University of Minnesota policy returns 100% of recovered Facilities and Administrative costs (F&A) to the coordinate campus that generated the F&A. Of the recovered costs, an amount each year (approximately 25,000 for FY 2012) will be used to fund the grants development office budget.

Funds beyond that amount will be used to support sponsored projects related activities, including a relatively small amount to the general fund to compensate for utilities and other related facilities costs, and a relatively small amount to the library. The balance will be divided between A) The Academic Affairs/Dean’s office for support of the research endeavor and to help create an appropriate research support structure on campus (with input from the Grants Development office); B) The administrating Vice Chancellor to support project related expenses or to provide additional incentives for grant submissions; and C) The administering academic Division or unit to defray administrative costs associated with grant activity and to assist the principal investigator with unexpected expenses related to the grant.

Activities related to sponsored projects include, but are not limited to, the following items: a) Reimbursement/support to units for costs (such as staff, communications and supplies) directly related to awards that generated F&A; b) Matching funds for proposals/awards that generate F&A; and c) Incentive funds to encourage development of proposals for external funding.

The amount of F&A cost recovery UMM is collecting has been on the rise: from \$30,514 in FY04 to \$237,000 in FY11.

C. For Action. From the Membership Committee. MCSA Assignments to Assembly and Adjunct Committees approved as presented.

D. Other new business.

None

V. Campus Committee Reports.

FAC&PA Committee

Mary Elizabeth Bezanson said the salary report will soon be finalized. She believes the committee has developed a strong case to support the Chancellor when she has her budget meeting in the Twin Cities. She thanked Roger Wareham for the work he has done. The committee will be working on a single semester leave project and reviewing the titles of those who lead administrative units. Please send her an email if there are concerns the committee should address.

Functions & Awards

Engin Sungur announced two new awards that will be recognized at commencement: Green Sustainable Champion Award and Psychology Discipline Award. The committee is trying to make the awards process more efficient and effective. If you have any suggestions or concerns, please contact Engin.

Scholastic Committee

Michelle Page reminded assembly members of look at the committee's website where you will find an FAQ's for students and other information. Instructions on how to use the Morris academic alert can be found there as well. Please contact Michelle if there are questions/issues.

Undergraduate Research Symposium

Gordon McIntosh announced a new name for this event – Undergraduate Symposium.

VI. All University Reports.

Josh Preston announced the University Student Senate will be voting on the resolution denouncing the marriage amendment. The annual Support the U Day is March 30.

VII. Announcements.

Clare Dingley said due to an upgrade in the Twin Cities this weekend, many self-service web applications will not be available from 6pm Saturday to 6pm Sunday.

Roger Wareham said the REPA forms will be rolling out March 1. All faculty and P&A will need to report their duties for 2011. The departmental contact is your division chair or the person you report to.

Jim Hall would appreciate any feedback regarding the network upgrade process. Some buildings could be off line for up to 5 minutes while others may just experience a pause of 5-10 seconds.

Message from Peh Ng – President Kaler’s first State of the U address is Thursday, March 1.

Adjourned at 5:40 p.m.