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Steering Committee Meeting
February 20, 2017

Present: Jon Anderson, Michelle Behr, Denise Odello, Tim Lindberg, Janell Kolden,
Jennifer Zych Herrmann, Nic McPhee

Set Campus Assembly agenda for March 1, 2017 meeting

The Steering Committee discussed the agenda for the upcoming assembly meeting. Jon is aware of two items that should be added to the agenda: Makeup work for legitimate absences policy from Scholastic, Health Services and SCEP; and the Faculty & P&A Committee will be sending an official memo to Finance and Steering Committees regarding faculty salaries and holding them harmless.

Constitution revision proposed amendments

Tim has concerns about group 4 and the implementation. Do we know if the task force has talked with various committees? It's clear that Steering has a role to play in this. Is Campus Assembly the proper venue given our shared governance? It is the legislative body but is it also the public forum for all issues on campus? He also has concerns about group 5 and the elimination of the spelled out progress for voting. How are ties resolved?

Nic shares Tim's concerns. If the Campus Assembly votes to eliminate committees, then it comes back to Steering to determine how we would implement those changes going forward. At this point it is unclear if the task force group has talked to the people on the various committees. It seems that we would want feedback from the committees before we move forward. Nic asked if Steering thinks there's value in having a discussion with the committee chairs before bringing the proposed changes to assembly. Denise wondered how the workload of committees will be distributed. She has a hard time trying to figure out how the divisions would tackle this.

Jon suggested that proposed amendment group 4 be held back so Steering can investigate possible implementation, talk to involved committees and administrative offices, and gather information. Jon will talk about the status of group 4. Proposed amendments group 5 will be on the agenda for information.

Common meeting time proposal

Jon asked Steering what they would like to do with the common meeting time proposals. He has asked disciplines to weigh in and it appears there would not be a lot of labs that overlap the noon hour. Michelle asked why the middle of the day was selected as the optimal time in terms of less impact. Jon said there is a slight technical advantage to having it in the middle of day given 3 hour lab times. Jon will give an update at the assembly meeting that Steering is consulting and reviewing how other institutions have implemented an open period.

Joint meeting with Steering Committee and committee chairs

Nic reminded Steering that constitutionally, we are obligated to hold a joint meeting with the committee chairs once a semester. Nic suggests having that meeting happen in the spring after committee chairs have been selected.