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Minutes  
Consultative Committee  
August 31, 2010  
Imholte Hall 218  
8:00-9:00 AM

Present: James Barbour, Nancy Carpenter, Brad Deane, Zak Forde, Manjari Govada, Jane Kill, Nic McPhee, Paula O'Loughlin, Mark Privratsky, Laura Thielke, Sharon Van Eps, Naomi Wente, and Jen Zych Herrmann

**Agenda:**

**New Business**

1. Consultative Committee's first meeting of the academic year commenced with a welcome from Paula O'Loughlin (co-chair 2009-2010) and introduction of members. O'Loughlin also read the committee charge and opened the floor for questions or comments, of which there were none.
2. The next item of business was election of a committee chair/co-chairs. O'Loughlin and Zych Herrmann ventured that they would be willing to serve again in this capacity, with the provision that they could serve once again as co-chairs. This proposal was agreeable to the membership and O'Loughlin and Zych Herrmann were elected as co-chairs for the 2010-2011 academic year.
3. Dates for CC's fall semester meetings with Chancellor Johnson and Dean Contant have been finalized. We will be meeting with Chancellor Johnson on 9/14/10 and 11/2/10 and Dean Contant on 9/8/10 and 11/16/10. Since our first meeting with the Dean is next week we discussed potential agenda items to add to the items she wishes to bring to the committee. The items that the Dean is bringing to the committee have created an already full slate so the only additional item that the committee will add to the agenda is a request for an update on academic program review. Items for the Chancellor's visit include questions on the IT Director's role (vision, technology plan), administrator review, Science and Math Division Chair search, proposed Summer Semester (UMTC is going to review this possibility in F10), and benchmarks for the reorganization of units such as CARE and IT/Media.
4. Per our charge to foster campus communication, Consultative Committee often has campus visitors that wish to present initiatives or seek guidance or assistance. Jim Hall, the newly appointed Director of

IT has expressed interest in meeting with us this fall. He will likely be updating us on the Google conversion and it was suggested that we also ask him if it is possible to send a start of the year/semester email to remind people on campus what listservs we are currently on. Another proposal was to invite the leadership of the reorganized units to update us on how things are working in their areas. One member suggested that perhaps we should invite people other than the unit heads if we wished a more candid assessment of how the reorganization was working. Members of the committee were asked to think of other guests we may want to invite and we will finalize our slate of guests at a future meeting.

5. Item to bring to the Executive Committee: Ask for an update or evaluation of the reorganization of CARE (Student Support Services), Media Services/IT, Events and Conferencing and Equity, Diversity and Intercultural Programs.

6. At the beginning of fall semester 2009 and spring semester 2010 our committee sent out an email to campus introducing our committee's purpose and soliciting concerns or items that the campus would like to see addressed. Chair O'Loughlin asked if we wanted to do the same this year. This was unanimously agreed upon by the committee. A reminder from N. Carpenter to send this email to the new UMM-ALL-EMPLOYEES listserv as well as to ALLSTUDENTS.

7. Science and Math Division Chair Search – The current Division Chair will be stepping down at the end of the 2010-2011 academic year. Consultative Committee will be drafting a memo to Chancellor Johnson encouraging a timely search that will be completed by January 2011. This timeline will allow for the new Division Chair the proper lead time to prepare for their new position and to secure necessary access to the enterprise financial system (EFS). *Update:* Afternoon of 8.31.10 – Prof. Korth has informed the Chancellor that he will not be seeking reappointment and she has agreed that an early selection process is sensible. It was decided by the Co-Chairs that a memo from Consultative Committee would no longer be necessary. Rather, we will ask for an update at our first meeting with the Chancellor on 9.14.10.

8. In other business, concern over faculty participation was raised as an item that the committee may want to address this year. Attendance at the faculty open meetings for accreditation last spring and last week's FCC visit were cited as examples. Reasons may include increased faculty workload,

generational differences, and misunderstanding of Morris's governance structure and what role individuals play. After the successful forum on the 2010-2011 pay decrease in Spring 2010 it was suggested that a similar format could be used to inform the campus on shared governance.

Adjourned 8:50am.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Zych Herrmann