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Minutes of the Consultative Committee
October 12, 2005

Present: Nancy Carpenter (ex officio), Pam Gades, Roland Guyotte (chair), Judy Korn, Margaret Kuchenreuter, Maggie Larson, Tim Lindberg, Gretchen Murphy, Dan Moore, Ricky Noren, Michelle Page, Geoff Sheagley, Jared Warren (ex officio), Rebecca Webb.

Guests: John F. Schwaller, Tom McRoberts.

Chair Guyotte called the meeting to order at 8:00 a. m. and introduced new members Maggie Larson, Dan Moore, and Ricky Noren. Dean Schwaller brought two issues before the Committee: reorganization of academic enhancement activities and reorganization of student support services.

The first issue stems from the assumption of full responsibility for Continuing Education and Regional Programs by the UMM campus with attendant budget cuts and from the growth in such academic enhancement activities under the CERP umbrella as international programs, study abroad, honors, national scholarships, the UROP program, and the National Student Exchange. Tom McRoberts summarized a proposal to split off those programs which require special advising of students, including international student advising, from CERP and the Center for International Programs, while retaining program development and administration (May Term, Global Student Teaching, etc.) within CIP. A new office, yet to be named and reporting to the Dean, would include a director and staff support to provide continuity, while encouraging flexibility and creativity in the faculty sponsors of the various programs. Committee members expressed general support for the idea, but noted concerns about international student advising and possible costs. Schwaller and McRoberts noted that extensive consultation had taken place and that the Morris Campus Student Association and the Morris Campus Resources and Planning Committee are next on the list. At this point Tom McRoberts left the meeting.

Dean Schwaller noted that he had met twice with the Committee last year on the second matter, and then provided an update on the reorganization of Advising, Disabilities, and the Registrar's office. Individual responsibilities in the Disabilities office have changed, following consultation with the individuals working in the office. A renewed interest in transfer students has resulted in changes in Admissions, the Registrar's office, and Advising. The Dean asked Committee members to help in 'visioning and consulting' over future changes, notably whether or not to retain a relatively horizontal structure among units or to create an overall Student Academic Services Office with a director to whom the heads of the various units would report. Committee members recommended placing various units, especially Advising and the Registrar's office in the same location.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a. m. The next meeting will be held

Wednesday, October 26 at 8 a. m.