



## ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING

May 16, 2013  
2:30 pm  
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### SUMMARY MEETING NOTES

Present: Eva Bagg, Charlotte Joseph, April Juarez, Pamela Knights, Matthew Lawrence, Gaither Loewenstein, Eloy Oakley, Jorge Ochoa, Greg Peterson, Rodney Rodriguez, Dana Van Sinden, Janice Tomson, Christiane Woerner

Absent: Rose DelGaudio, Lou Anne Bynum, Ann-Marie Gabel, Joan Zuckerman

Notes: M'Shelle Reece

#### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m.

#### **2. Approval of Minutes**

The March 21, 2013 Academic Council meeting summary notes were approved as presented.

#### **3. Reorganization Evaluation IITS**

- Associate Vice President Jay Field distribute results from the reorganization survey that was given to all current employees in the Instructional and Informational Technology Services Department that were affected in the 2008 reorganization.
- Faculty volunteers (mostly from the Distance Learning Taskforce) were also solicited to participate in the survey.
- Senate expressed concern for the need to create a better connection between distance learning and its delivery with curriculum and academic affairs.

- It was determined that the Distance Learning Taskforce would be an appropriate group to discuss how to address this concern. Expanding its membership by assigning additional appropriate faculty to the taskforce (members of the curriculum committee were proposed) was suggested.
- The areas of student success and kinesiology which were also affected by the 2008 reorganization are scheduled to be reviewed.

#### **4. Department Chair Reorganization**

- Vice President Loewenstein distributed the revised Department Chair Reorganization Proposal and outlined the current proposal.
- The revised proposal is the result of continued productive collegial exchanges with faculty. It is presumed that reaching 100% satisfaction with all departments is impossible, but Vice President Loewenstein has worked to assure that he has received as much input as possible in formulating revisions for current proposal.
- After six months of campus consultation, this is Vice President Loewenstein's final recommendation to the President.
- The Academic Senate expressed concerns related to the following departments and also noted the need to consider how the reorganization relates to curriculum.
  - Life Science and Health Ed – Opposed to being separated (Health has plans to expand in the area of science)
  - Child Development and Family Consumer Studies (optional combination of Child Development with Culinary Arts also not preferred. No other suggestion for solution at this time)
- President Oakley accepted Vice President Loewenstein's final recommendation. He reassured members that he understands concerns expressed today and will take them into account and meet with appropriate personnel to analyze departmental concerns and the possible alternatives.
- President Oakley plans to make his final determination and send out notification in the upcoming weeks as departments need to begin planning for the fall semester.
- President Oakley thanked everyone for their work on this and acknowledged the revised recommendation to be an improvement due to all the input.

#### **5. CPC Recommendation on Enrollment Management Oversight Committee Membership**

- The College Planning Committee is requesting the following change to the Enrollment Management Oversight Committee Membership:
  - 1) Change the Dean of Academic Service to the Associate Dean of Academic Services
  - 2) Remove the Associate Dean of Institutional Effectiveness
  - 3) Consider the addition of a student member.
- Recommended changes were approved

## 6. Program Discontinuance Update/Convene Taskforce to Review Regulation 4024

- With the program discontinuance process culminating and this difficult task still fresh in everyone's mind, President Oakley requested that the college begin a review and evaluation of the program discontinuance process, including reviewing Regulation 4024.
- The purpose of review should be to facilitate recommendations for improvement so that the process may serve the future better.
- It was noted that regulation language needs to be made clearer.
- Concerns that were raised along the way, including student-related concerns, should be addressed.
- President Oakley requested that a formal taskforce be created to begin this task in the fall, but stressed the importance to begin discussions now as the history is still fresh.
- Initial taskforce membership suggested included the Vice President of Academic Affairs, Vice President Student Support Services, school dean, school faculty member, department head, Curriculum Committee member, and student member.
- Senate President Juarez will work on taskforce membership and bring back names for final decision.

## 7. Miscellaneous

- President Oakley thanked everyone for another year of service and for all the hard work put forth during this very difficult year.
- He expressed mixed feelings for the year ending, reflecting back at the harsh treatment our Senate President and Senate Executive Committee members endured this year and in years past. He expressed disappointment, voicing our Senate leadership should be held to the process, not the final decision.
- A solution to improve collegiality is unclear, but it is important that the college find a better way to encourage our leadership.
- It was suggested that committee structures be reviewed again as there is a general feeling of too much committee work with little results.
- President Oakley encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming commencement ceremony.

## 8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.