College of Education

Minutes, Senate Meeting

Friday, January 29, 2016

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Present: Ellen Fabian, Chair (CHSE), Donald J. Bolger (Chair-Elect, HDQM), Donna Wiseman (Dean), Robin Walukonis (Admin Prof Rep Exempt), Susan Hendricks (TLPL), Robert Marcus (HDQM), Daniel Levin (TLPL), Blesilda Lim (At Large, Admin Prof Representative Exempt), Kalia Patricio (TLPL Graduate Rep), Ana Taboada Barber (CHSE), Lucas Butler (HDQM), Valerie Foster (Admin Prof Rep Non Exempt)

Absent: Tracy Sweet (HDQM), Julie Park (CHSE), Paula Beckman (CHSE), Alanna Rothman (Undergraduate Rep, TLPL), Lara Hodak (Undergraduate Rep, TLPL), Christina Winkler (Graduate Rep, CHSE), Olivia Saracho (At Large), Jeff Macswan (At Large)

The meeting was called to order by COE Senate Chair, Ellen Fabian

I. Review and approval of minutes of December 4, 2015. Minutes were approved.

II. Dean’s Update

- Dean Wiseman shared that the Deans are concerned about managing big data, and that the library is offering to store and archive big data for Colleges.
- The e-mail system on campus will change around February 15, 2016 in order to consolidate over 40 systems into one Google-based system.
- The Dean stated that there will be no budget cuts as of present, but that the budget could decrease. However, the budget in the College is the strongest it has ever been.
- The Phillips Collection will be connecting with the College of Education in order to work with teachers. The Collection is already doing K12 work with Anacostia, and it is hoping to expand to PGCPS. It hosts an Art and Conversation program, and could connect to the College for internships and post-doctorate programs.
- Dean Wiseman discussed the challenges MCert programs are having with outreach and enrollment. The College is looking into beginning another Ed.D cohort because other areas are not bringing in as much revenue.
- CHSE and TLPL are in review, which should allow each department to set goals, plan strategically, and review data.
- The College is working on policy by Feb 15th to promote professional staff.
- A new HDQM Department Chair has been selected.
- The Dean discussed President Loh’s “Maryland Dialogue” initiative, which encourages each College to dedicate this semester to social justice, diversity,
and equity. In order to accomplish this goal, the Dean wants to focus on K12 schooling, and hold a signature event in spring to bring middle and high school students to UMD to discuss social justice issues.

III. College Assembly- date change and topic discussion
   • Kalia Patricio suggested a “reverse town hall” consisting of an open forum to give students and faculty an opportunity to share what they would like to see happen in the College in 3-5 years.
   • Robert Marcus wanted to talk about ways to show respect for students who feel disrespected (either intentionally or unintentionally. He hopes to answer the question: “How can graduate students promote respect as a way to remedy a country stuck in a disrespect mode?”
   • It was suggested that the College Assembly be cancelled in favor of a Town Hall in order to address the power differential between students and faculty. To do this, the ‘assembly’ could convene in the evening in order to receive a wider audience.
   • Sponsored discussion in small groups was also recommended in place of an Assembly.
   • The Senate discussed speakers for the COE Signature Event related to diversity/inclusion.
   • The Senate preferred to host the Assembly in early March in order to follow up with second town hall hosted by COE graduate students.
   • It was determined that the Steering Committee would discuss the format of the Assembly.

IV. Old Business
   • Dr. Fabian stated that space issues in the building would be tabled.
   • The Awards Committee has been developed and will be meeting soon for the first time.
   • In order to meet the requirements of the Campus Senate, the College of Education must elect two At Large campus representatives of professional track faculty. A two and three year term seat on the Senate is available. Daniel Levin shared that he would volunteer for the Campus Senate if he can find a replacement for the COE Senate. Any faculty member can replace him.

V. Other Business
   • None