

College Council

October 7, 2011

I. Recognition of Members and Alternates:

Dr. Charles Vanover (Chair), Dr. George Roy, Dr. Jan Blake, Dr. Kim Stoddard (attending for Dr. Bonnie Braun), Jennefer Khattabi, Dr. Olivia Hodges (Vice Chair) and Dean Vivian Fueyo

II. Recognition of Guest

Dr. Cynthia Leung,

III. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved

IV. Review of Council Minutes from Sept. 2011

Minutes were approved as read

V. Action Items

A. Business Items for Discussion

Dr. Gunn was nominated and voted on to serve on the School & Community Partnership Committee.

The council suggested that as Chairs of standing committees are identified, that they send out the schedule of meetings with an invitation for college faculty to attend meetings. This will offer faculty the opportunity to attend committee meetings of interest other than those they may be serving on. It will also help faculty plan for those meetings that require prior preparation, such as Curriculum and Program.

B. Online Nomination to Standing committee

Dr. Vanover proposed that the College Council investigate the possibility of conducting meetings on line. After much discussion, Cynthia shared that open access records and guidelines prevent committees from voting on line. The Senate had a similar discussion related to this issue.. The Council will meet face to face until Dr. Vanover checks with Chris Davis, President of the Senate, regarding the issues related to virtual meetings.

VI. Business Items for Discussions:

A. Summer school conversation with Dr. Noonan

Dr. Vanover asks if there was any interest in discussing issues related to the November 11th meeting.

Dr. Blake shared several possible cost effective scenarios that might be presented to Dr. Noonan for consideration.

The Council asked if summer session could be paid on a different formula rather than based on a percent of annual salary.

The Council decided that this is a union issue and should be referred to Dr. Lang

Dean Fueyo shared that Dr. Noonan is open to addressing any concerns of the Council. The Dean also shared that Dr. Noonan has been given a dollar figure that needs to be generated during summer session. Council members shared that faculty and staff needs to understand the profit margin that has been targeted.

Kim Stoddard shared with the Council that there needs to be equitability among staff Summer Session teaching assignments, especially in assigned course credits, suggesting that all faculty teach a course and credit load of 3 credits

A concern regarding the starting times of classes was discussed. The faculty has been told that evening classes must begin at 6 p.m. Dean Fueyo shared that scheduling hours is a college responsibility and she and Dr. Dukes can adjust the time for classes. Dean Fueyo suggested scheduling concerns be referred to Dr. Dukes.

Again, College Council members shared an interest in inquiring about the importance of COE faculty teaching more than one class based on curricula needs of our students and understanding that the need to generate a profit even if other faculty in other colleges are not provided the same opportunity. The Council will share this with Dr. Noonan. Additionally it was stressed to the Council that there is a need to build the case and foster the understanding with Dr Noonan of “who” our students are.

B. Dean’s Report

The Dean presented the Dean’s Report which was sent to the faculty and staff of the COE and posted on the COE Website.

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C. Transition-- Inviting Dr. Heller to November and December meetings

Dr. Vanover will formally invite Dr. Heller to the November and December Council meetings.

D. Distance Learning Creating a discussion forum for issues related to on-line learning

There is some interest among COE faculty on how we can do this best. It was suggested that this be added to the December faculty meeting agenda

VII. Announcements:

No announcements were made