

MINUTES 2016-2017 Educational Policy and Governance Meeting

October 13th, 2016 3:00 – 4:30 pm Campus Center 206

Attending: Ron Barrett, Andrew Beveridge, Darcy Burgund (Chair), Julia Chadaga, Saakshi Daswani, Erik Davis, Remy Eisendrath, Cynthia Kauffeld, Mark Mazullo, Ann Minnick, Karine Moe, Jayne Niemi

(1) Approval of minutes from October 6th: The minutes were approved provided Jayne is added to the attendance list.

(2) Chair communications

- a. Faculty meeting time successfully changed.
- b. No meeting next week.

(3) Reports from Board of Trustees meetings

(a) Academic Affairs—Darcy reported that the Provost gave an overview of the year including “year of advising” events, updated the group on the IGC Dean search, and discussed Olin-Rice space issues; David Shuman & a student presented information on Data Science; Darcy reviewed the external review process.

(b) Campus Life—Cynthia reported on Donna Lee’s update on the Res Halls, the introduction of DeMethra Bradley and Mindy Deardurff. Merritt Stueven spoke for MCSG on the topics of space, budget, and test-optional hopes. Peace Madamutsa addressed entrepreneurship.

(c) Advancement—Ron reported on the 4 year comprehensive campaign updates. He will draft something for EPAG discussion about initiatives to be highlighted, so we are prepared if asked for such information.

(d) Admissions—Erik reported on the admissions meeting. Lorne Robinson described the entering class, Mac’s partnership with QuestBridge; FAFSA changes, and the discussion of SAT changes; students gave testimony regarding test-optional admission.

(4) Sociology external review: We discussed the review & the department’s response. Darcy will begin to draft a letter, and we will continue to discuss.

(5) NTT voting rights discussion: Our hope is to be ready for a quasi committee of the whole at the November faculty meeting, also to have an open Moodle forum that would not ask for identifying info, but would ask for rank. The possibility of grandfathering

current faculty was brought up, should the policy change. We continued to discuss voting rights and quorum, which are two different things, although rarely is quorum called. Darcy had created a table (for our consumption only at this time) to display all the possible categories of faculty and numbers in each category. We want to have more open and qualitative discussion, that encourages folks to reflect on principles at the November meeting, but we need to fully understand the numbers ourselves to answer questions. Is the forum useful enough on its own? What about note cards? Maybe both? The current plan for the meeting: describe categories, principles that have been discussed, possibilities regarding how it would go forward, gather opinions verbally or on cards or via the open forum.

Adjourned at 4:35

Jayne Niemi, Registrar