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Executive Council  
Board Room  
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Members Present: Eric Karlin, Anita Stellenwerf, Amruth Kumar, Marcia Sexton, Steve Rice, Erin Augis, Susan Eisner, Irene Kuchta, Provost Beth Barnett, President Peter Mercer

Members Absent: Jim Morley (absent due to jury duty), Maria Vail, Lisa Cassidy

Executive Council Meeting 9-9:30a

1. Search for Vice-Provost for Curriculum and Assessment (See also #1 below)

Members of Executive Council briefly discussed the search for a Vice-Provost for Curriculum and Assessment including the job posting.

2. In-Service Planning

Suggested schedule: 9:00a-Introduction and opening remarks, 9:30a-10:15a Presentation by Middle States Steering Committee with time for questions, 10:30a unit/convening group time, lunch. There was brief discussion on having a speaker during lunch contingent on the AFT being able to provide lunch.

**Action Item:** Councilor Kuchta will contact the AFT to ask if they will provide lunch for In-Service.

Executive Council Meeting with Provost Barnett and President Mercer 9:30a-11:00a

1. Search for Vice Provost for Curriculum and Assessment

Provost Barnett updated the Executive Council on the search for a Vice-Provost for Curriculum and Assessment. The job posting does not mention an academic background but the job description does including the possibility of tenure. The position also requires a doctorate or appropriate terminal degree. The Search Committee will review any compelling internal candidates before conducting an external search. The targeted start date for this position is September 1.

2. Potential revenue generating initiatives

President Mercer and the Cabinet have been carefully reviewing the budget for possible cuts. The College's biggest source of revenue continues to be tuition and fees. Members present participated in a discussion on other potential sources of revenue including continuing education, graduate programs, and online courses. The online courses available during the Summer session have been shown to be very popular and registration is strong. President Mercer informed Executive Council that a Master's in Sustainability Studies is being reviewed by ARC and the Graduate Council and will be sent to the State Commission on Higher Education for approval. He also reported that a capital campaign feasibility study will be conducted during the summer along with efforts to increase alumni giving.

3. Potential cultural changes associated with revenue generating initiatives

President Mercer explained to the Executive Council the purpose of the six sessions that were held within the last two weeks. The groups were invited to discuss how to increase the level of service across campus especially due to increased activity on campus by outside groups

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and camps. The feedback from the six sessions will be reviewed and reported to President Mercer next week. Members present participated in a related discussion on intra-community tensions and perspectives of various departments on campus.

4. Task Force on Streamlining Access Funding for Scholarship

President Karlin will meet with President Mercer to finalize details on the Task Force on Streamlining Access to Funding for Scholarship

5. Discussion on the past two years

In light of the changing Executive Council membership, all present discussed reactions to the current faculty governance structure and interaction with senior administration. The value of the interaction and communication of the current structure was highly stressed as a good outcome. The concept of shared governance is also highly regarded.

**Suggestion:** It was again suggested that a flowchart of all committees and task forces be generated.

Submitted by M. Sexton, April 10, 2008