President’s Advisory Council

4/18/18

Draft Minutes


Guests: K. McMurdy, Ashwani Vasishth, K. Shannon for S. Hancock Martin, J. Ferraro for E. Seavers


Approval of the Meeting Minutes of March 2018

Ed Petkus motioned for approval of the minutes and Aaron Lorenz seconded. There were no abstentions. The minutes were approved.

President’s Report

Provost Barnett led the meeting on the President’s behalf.

Report of the Task Force on Shared Governance

Ken McMurdy led a presentation of the Report of the Task Force on Shared Governance. He outlined the Report’s objectives and recommendations. Provost Barnett directed attendees to the Report for clarification on some items. Discussion ensued regarding the continuing mission of the PAC as it stands now or if the purpose of PAC should be changed as a result of the report on Shared Governance.

Some PAC members expressed concerns that the report failed to address structural issues. It was shared that the Task Force largely found that current structures are appropriate but are not effectively leveraged. Concerns regarding the need to continue implementing the recommendations in the report were raised.

Review of Membership and Terms

It was shared that since 2014, the membership of PAC has changed slightly. These changes, with the exception of adding a seat for a DAC representative and for a Commuter Student Representative, have occurred somewhat organically. Members rotated off of PAC and their replacements have been identified through their respective representative bodies. Members were asked in advance of the meeting to review the membership listing and advise, if they joined PAC in 2014, if they plan to continue service or if they will be advancing a different representative for the coming academic year. Members did not express their plans. Provost Barnett inquired if in preparing for next year if members anticipate transition in membership, such information should be shared with Brittany Goldstein.
PAC ‘18-19 Meeting Calendar

Discussion regarding optimal days/times for PAC’s four meetings in AY 2018-19 took place. The only day that was broadly rejected by members was Wednesdays as SGA, FA and Unit Councils meet on Wednesdays. No other suggestions were brought forth.

New Business

Chris Romano introduced Leah Lindstrom, new Commuter Student representative.

Gilad Cohen brought up the subject of the commuter shuttle sharing that there were various problems including schedule adjustments and students not being able to contact the driver as before. Melissa Van Der Wall explained that this is a new company as the old contract had expired. Van Der Wall noted that she will call the company and address the issues with them.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30PM.

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