

COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 9, 2008

Present: Bob Baldwin, Larry Scott, Jim Lindly, Joyce Godels, Greg Morgan, Craig Taylor, Josh Canaday, Mary Spilde, Jim Salt, Siv Serene Barnum.

AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED:

1. Governance Subcommittee

Salt updated the council on the issues that the governance subcommittee will be dealing with this year. The subcommittee hasn't met yet, but will soon. Those issues are:

Whether to set up an orientation for new council members

The council agreed that it would be a good idea to orient new council members and encourage other council members to attend as well. This would be a good opportunity to remind council members of original rules and any revisions that have been made.

Godels moved to hold an orientation for chairs, vice-chairs, and new council members, and encourage all council members to attend. Spilde seconded.

Barnum will work with Spilde and her staff to get the orientation set up.

Integration of college policies

The councils need to review the policies and procedures assigned to them last spring. College Council needs to review the policies and procedures they are responsible for and develop a process for reviewing them.

There was a discussion as to whether Faculty Council is part of the governance system. It is not, but faculty members on councils are expected to be the eyes and ears of faculty council and notify them of issues that pertain to faculty council.

Work pending

Reviewing the hiring policy, which was tabled last spring.

2. Carry Forward Agenda Items and Updates

A. Smoking Task Force Update

Wendy Simmons shared the results of the smoking survey done last spring. The task force is acting on some of the comments from the survey, such as moving the smoking areas. The task force is trying to get the word out about the changes. They will evaluate the situation over the next two terms to see how it is working. Wendy is working with Facilities to get signage and maps updated.

B. Finance Council and Budget Subcommittee

Spilde informed the council that there needs to be a discussion whether we should have a finance council. There are not enough administrative people to staff all of the councils. She suggested that the College Council budget subcommittee might be more robust and that group could do the work.

After a lengthy discussion about the pros and cons of Finance Council versus the Budget Subcommittee, a proposal was made to get a more formalized description of the proposed Budget Subcommittee, such as the makeup and responsibility. Greg Morgan will develop the description.

4. Discussion/Action Items**A. Review the 2008-09 Work Plan**

The council reviewed the 2008-09 College Council Work Plan, determined the work for this year, and assigned tasks. See attached work plan.

Regarding the 20/20 plan, we need to assess what we learned at the Spring Conference discussions. The planning subcommittee will take a first look at that.

There will be a five-year accreditation visit next year. Standards 1, 6, & 9 needs to be reviewed by the council.

It was determined by the governance subcommittee last year, that it will take the lead on an assessment of the governance system that needs to be done. This item will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

B. Technology Council

College Council members agreed that the Technology Council should identify appointees and move forward with the acting CIO, rather than waiting until the new hire is in place.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.