Facility Senate/All University Committee Report (2010-11)

| Committee: | Academic Affairs Committee | Prepared By: | Adrianne Lane | Date: 11/1/11 |

Faculty Members at the Meeting: J. Gill, L. Graeter, A. Lane (Chair)

Topics Discussed:

1. Welcome to Linda Graeter and Julie Gill, new members. Thank you for joining the FSAAC. Adrianne provided an overview of the committee’s annual report and plans for this academic year.

2. Minutes:
   Minutes of June 7 and September 28 with AMP Report will be re-distributed. Adrianne suggested that the FSAAC continue with the minute procedure from last academic year in which the “FSAAC determined that minutes would be written, distributed for comment to FSAAC with provision of 4 business days for feedback, appropriate changes would be made, request concurrence of acceptance via email and then submit to Chair and FS for posting.”

3. AMP Follow Up:
   A. Lane provided a follow up of the AMP. The report of the FSAAC was shared at FS Cabinet. The FSAAC report along with other standing committee reports were then shared with Faculty Senate. Senators engaged in a type of Nominal Group Technique on each of the AMP Principles including standing committee comments. The result of this action at Faculty Senate was forwarded to the AMP Coordinating Committee as input into the next update of the AMP.

4. Information Literacy and Media Literacy Follow Up:
   As a follow up to the FSAAC resolution last academic year recommending an Academic Integrity Task Force, Richard Harknett (chair of Senate) appointed such a taskforce this academic year. The Taskforce for Academic Integrity in the 21st Century is chaired by A. Lane and is made up of students, faculty, administrators, and librarians. The charge is as outlined in the resolution passed by Senate on June 9th. The recommendations from the taskforce will be delivered to FSAAC by February 6, 2012 and FSAAC will report to Senate on March 8, 2012. The taskforce is meeting every two weeks and is on target to meet its timeline. Nelson Horsemann, FSAAC member last academic year, is on this taskforce as faculty. Nelson and Adrianne will be the faculty representatives to an upcoming Academic Misconduct taskforce out of the Office of Judicial Affairs.

5. UC Grading Policy Follow Up:
   As a follow up to the FSAAC 2011 Annual Report recommendation, the committee will initiate a thorough review of the current UC grading policy and procedure. FSAAC discussed the process for this action. Those present were in favor of A. Lane soliciting volunteers from our committee to serve on a sub-committee with the following charge: 1) Review the current UC Grading Policies and Procedures, 2) Benchmark our P&P with other AAU universities, 3) Make recommendations for Revisions to the FSAAC by first meeting in March 2012. Adrianne will request volunteers via email for this sub-committee.

6. Other Topics form FS Boot Camp and Beyond:
   a. A. Lane shared the listing of potential FSAAC topics from boot camp—these included Semester Conversion, Large Classrooms & their impact on students and faculty, Capacity for online testing across campus. Those in attendance agreed that these may be topics for further discussion.
A. Lane went on the share 3 topics submitted by J. Gill from Blue Ash. These topics included the following: 1) Semester final exam schedule: under the quarter system, each course final exam is scheduled for 2 hours; to ensure equity, each semester course final exam should be scheduled for 3 hours – Yet, I don’t believe that anyone at the university is looking at this. Should we discuss and make a recommendation? 2) The department chairs at Blue Ash College would like us to consider a motion regarding a new web-based course scheduling system instead of the current system that leads to multiple data entry errors, 3) It appears that there are no formal procedures in place for the creation and submission of new semester courses. With the same course needing to be the same across all colleges, shouldn’t there be a cross-college creation, submission, and approval mechanism with representation from all colleges? FSAAC determined that A. Lane will take all 3 to the next Semester Conversion Steering Committee meeting for comment. Feedback from SCSC will determine FSAAC next steps which may include formation of a subcommittee to address Semester Conversion Concerns for Regional Campuses, a formal resolution, or other actions to be determined.

b. A. Lane shared that Marla Hall had also sent 2 items for the FSAAC to review. These were deferred to next meeting.

7. A. Lane will doodle for next meeting focusing on 11/21, 22, 23, 28, 29. The afternoon of 11/23 looks good. All would like a ‘smart room’. All have such rooms available in their college. Room will be determined after date is set.

8. Meeting adjourned at 3:45.

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