

## **Faculty Senate Executive Council (EC) with President and Provost Minutes for 4/12/2011**

**Members present:** Bev McCormick, Kim Sharp, Doug Chatham, Royal Berglee, Julia Hypes, and Michael Fultz

The meeting was held in the President's Conference Room at 3:30 pm.

### **Discussion:**

The EC met with the President and Provost regarding ideas about how to continue to improve the University through a quality faculty. Topics were:

Sense of community between faculty

- Place for faculty to meet together and possible eat; President asked EC to look at the grill side of ADUC and give him some suggestions about how they would like it remodeled
- Common place in Combs
- Common time that there are no classes so could have meetings on campus or speakers-Provost said enrollment management task force will look at class scheduling within the next year and that would be a good time to consider that

Sense of community with students

- **Advising** or lack of interaction with students-President said we have professional advising in 2 colleges; President likes a developmental advising module (broad range of advising needs) combination of professional advisors and faculty; Provost said Dayna forming a group of professional advisors, faculty, University college, ADS to determine the best mixed model; what is appropriate for professional advisor to do and what the faculty/mentor should do (work on jointly);
- Faculty receive mid-term grades for their students
- Student Life might look at Learning community in dorms and advising offices in the dorms (regional engagement and service learning)
- Dorm reserved for undecided and every college had advisors in that dorm

Faculty are ready to return to what they were trained to do and the work they have been hired to do; Provost asked, putting aside GE reform, data strategies etc., what are the remaining things that hinder faculty from doing their job? APPR is a tool for chairs and deans with input from faculty

**Provost** asked what Professional development for faculty should be considered.

- Hour seminars-learning styles-broaden prospective
- Decide topics would like to have and talk with Emma Perkins
- Pam Petty
- Stiggins method of???????
- Professional development on assessment for faculty

**President** said Celebrate our successes/most of heavy lifting is done- limit the scope of topics that are out there/ask faculty now to make teaching effective/ must have quality teaching – have a conversation with people

- Kim said conversation could be at convocation
- Sacs recommend SLO's are more clear
- Assessment related to SLO's is appropriate
- Finances are there
- GE assessment data

### **General**

- Faculty need instruction on critical thinking
- Week in summer to have special academy for faculty professional development
- Writing across the discipline/professional done by a colleague
- How do we get 1<sup>st</sup> year seminar people to learn a common framework for critical thinking/by fall 2011
- Common language

- Be careful how you say data strategies etc is done/ heavy lifting is done/ maintenance work to complete it going
- Faculty feeling of accomplishment and feel like they can experiment in their classes on new way
- Teach reading in the discipline/math-biology etc.
- Professional development to teach how to write in the discipline
- Pam petty reading psychology text books-we could put something together for faculty pd

## **Questions/updates**

### **Provost**

APPR – Deans will have on Monday to talk to chairs  
Moodle/bb – should know by Friday morning

President distributed copies of “Are we making progress” for EC members; will be posted on Presidents’ Leadership Council webpage; 140 pages of comments.

Major Sections are:

- Executive summary
- Quantitative data
- Appendix/summary of all comments
- Methodologies/ people were expressly asked if you disagree with a statement tell us why so that that was probably where the most comments came from

President asked EC to read through “Are we making progress” and identify what Institution can do make things better

President may do a forum on are we making progress results

Meet again with these answers on Wednesday May 11 at 8:00 am; will have continental breakfast

Figure out how senate can impact these issues/presidents expectations for senate

Come out of every year with a few common goals that we can work on together

**Meeting Adjourned 6:20 pm**