Committee on Academic Policies and Issues

February 9, 2011

12pm - 2pm

Minutes

Members Attending: Acord, Byers, Class, Courtright, Fitzgibbons, Walker-Dalhouse

Member Excused: Aguilude, Meissner, Niyonsaba, Rueden

Guest: Chris Krueger

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 by Lea Acord, chairperson.

Recorder: Doris Walker-Dalhouse volunteered to take minutes

Review of Minutes: Minutes of December 6, 2010 were approved with corrections. Steve Byers will make the corrections and distribute to committee

Discussion of memo to CAPI from UAS Chairperson, “Transparency and Confidentiality in Shared Governance Processes”

Chairperson Krueger was introduced to discuss the memo. Currently the UAS focus has been on policies regarding shared governance. Currently, no such policies exist for how dissemination of information is shared. There is a concern that information has been shared outside MU that probably should have not been shared. Dr. Krueger stated that Share Point is available for Committees to share discussions.

Two particular incidents that had to do with document sharing caused problems recently:
- Documents emailed to internal committee members ended up on a public blog
- The draft of a committee report ended up on a blog

Statement of the Charge: "At present, the UAS does not have policies in place governing the dissemination of UAS documents and communications beyond the Marquette community. I am inviting UAS advice on how to address these very legitimate concerns".
Following the departure of Dr. Krueger, the Committee discussed the charge to the committee and decided to begin by listing the following assumptions:

- We seek to protect robust discussion and desire honesty and transparency
- We expect that senators and committee members will share information as part of their consultation and representation
- The definition of colleagues is larger than MU
- Anything written will be published
- Anything electronic is not private
- MU has an expectation of an appropriate level of loyalty and keeping confidences for privileged information
- Appropriate and legitimate dissemination requires continual professional behavior and discretion
- Within the MU community there exists divergent thoughts and view
- People in the MU Academic Community have the MU academic community's best interests in mind -- People with divergent views can come to consensus with proper discussion and adequate time.
- Good intentions can have unintended consequences that can hurt the university
- Confidentiality is an appropriate tool to use in discussion

Following this exercise, the Committee agreed on next steps:

- Review the University policy on sharing information (all)
- Use the University document for guidance in our work
- Combine/collapse assumptions (Mike Class as reflected above)
- Discuss the development of a policy based on these assumptions at the next CAPI meeting for recommendation to the Senate at the April, 2011 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Doris Walker-Dalhouse/Lea Acord