Minutes from April 9, 2014, Meeting

Members Present: Alan Burkard (Chair), Gary Meyer, Maura Moyle, Terrance Ow, Katie Hazlett, Evelyn Donate-Bartfield, James Pokrywczynski, Kristina Ropella, Kristin Haglund, John O’Rourke

Recorder: James Pokrywczynski

A. Reflection.

B. Approval of draft minutes from March 5, 2014.

C. New Business

1. Academic Integrity: New Directions for Undergraduate Education. Research authored by Dr. Gary Meyer, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Programs and Teaching, and Dr. Peter Toumanoff, Chair, Academic Integrity Steering Committee. Meyer summarized work since 2009. Conclusions: We’re not proactive to prevent academic dishonesty. MU survey results showed about 60% admit cheating on campus, slightly lower than national average. Invoking an Honor Code brings to consciousness, according to evidence. Plans are for public recitation at freshman orientation and recommitment to Code before online registration every semester. Also, an online student tutorial would be required for completion by all students before registration for spring 2015 classes. Registration holds would be applied for non-completion. For consistency in adjudicating dishonesty cases, a campus wide Honor Council will be established by Fall 2015. Council would be comprised of a pool of interested faculty, students and administrators across the university that will be drawn from to review cases, determine possible ramifications and hold hearings in certain situations.

2. Archiving D2L Course materials. Discussion with Library Archivists: Michelle Sweetser, Katie Blank and Amy Cooper Cary. The issue is whether or not to archive D2L material and if so what. This issue came about as the staff in Archives learned that D2L information older than 6 years was going to be purged. Content to preserve includes syllabi, materials in “Content” section of D2L pertaining to lecture notes, handouts, lab manuals and other similar materials in this section. Dec. 2014 will be the first purge. Migration timetable is TBD. Concerns were raised about public access, medical info (dentistry, nursing), copyright, etc. Discussion will continue across campus. Archivists assured that access would be assessed on a case by case basis and not readily available through the Library website.
3. UAS Charge to CoT and UBUS: Classroom space concerns.
The committee again reviewed the concerns related to classroom space concerns. Similar to UBUS, COT believes that chairs and faculty should be informed of current policies and procedures regarding classroom assignments, and that any current faculty needs that remain unaddressed seem to be related to lack of understanding of these policies and procedures. As such, perhaps colleges need to be more active in communicating these assignment procedures and that chairs may need to work more actively with their faculty to ensure their teaching needs are being met and communicated to schedule builders. So, overall, increasing communication and knowledge seems to be important in addressing this issue, and ensuring that faculty understand that they can indeed make such requests. As a secondary issue, if classroom needs remain problematic after increasing the communication about classroom assignment procedures, then it may be important to pursue further action to determine if and where the shortages occur.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:55.

D. Next (and final) meeting for academic year is May 7, 2014.