Faculty Council 2/20/2014 Notes/Minutes

Thank you to Sharon Chubbuck for taking these notes.

Present: Darren Wheelock, Lynn Whittenberger, Sharon Chubbock, Barbara Silver-Thorn, Jim Marten, Scott Mandernack, Bharatendu Srivastavia, Tim Melchert.

   a. Platform for the provost to stand on.
   b. Focus: Best implementation of strong provost model—with what implications for shared governance?
   c. Intro prompt---
      i. Give us your definition of strong provost model
      ii. How can strong provost model support increased faculty shared governance?
      iii. How can shared governance support a strong provost model?
   d. More specific Questions?
      i. Describe what strong provost model looks like in terms of....the end of the Vice President’s role? Currently? Infrastructure?
      ii. Faculty involvement in decision-making protocols?
      iii. What changes in culture of MU are needed to allow the emergence of strong provost model?
      iv. Obstacles to strong provost model? For interim provost?
      v. How do new changes reflect strong provost model---
      vi. Will strong provost mean less shared governance?
      vii. Advice to new president/new provost? Definitions?
      viii. Budget questions
         1. ....Explain how budget cuts will be implemented?
            a. Lamb---report—relatively strong---debt to asset ratio is solid. But low in alums who donate (19%----versus 40% average.)
            b. Moody has downgraded the industry of Higher Ed.
            c. Drop in potential enrollment in next five years—worst coming in 5 years!
         2. How can faculty help with this future enrollment crisis?
            ix. Thoughts on reducing UG requirements to 120 minimum—Impact on core.
            x. Static culture in terms of moving faculty lines?
            xi. How can strong provost model and shared governance work to create the innovative changes needed to respond to current pressures in higher education?
            xii. Won’t schedule follow-up meeting with FC and Provost unless it seems wise.

2. Restructuring faculty committees? Growing interest. Faculty Council is in charge of recommendation
   a. Restructuring committees:
i. FC
ii. Faculty Welfare
iii. Hearing
iv. Subcommittee on Part-time faculty—under Faculty Welfare.
v. CAPI Academic policies and issues—Charges? Dean search guidelines. Can administrators serve on UBGS?
vi. Committee on committees and Elections

b. Invite chairs for next meeting to hear about their committee and possible future?

c. Recommendation: form subcommittee and make proposal for next fall.

d. How do we find out what committees do and which can be eliminated...

e. Lynn—go back over committee reports and see what they say have done.

f. Reduce committees or find out what they are supposed to be doing and why they aren’t?

g. Catalyst for conversation:

   i. Small units don’t want to populate all these committees.
   ii. Some don’t meet—business not important—waste of time. Anecdotal.
   iii. With implementation of strong provost model, how do we have meaningful faculty shared governance?

h. Possible plan:

   i. Meeting 1: Start with Lynne’s summary of reports....
   ii. Meeting 2: Bring Kristi N and Peter J to meeting. Carla Hay?
   iii. Meeting 3: Convene chairs—how do we present this to them? Purpose of committees reporting to UAS? Role of committees in shared governance.

i. TANGENT: Part time people:

   i. UIUC—lecturers—$30,000/year. Work stoppage for two days for attention to parttime people.
   ii. Excluded from Pere Marquette Dinner
   iii. No recognition of teaching quality.
   iv. No tenure, participating assistant professors: $40,000