

College of Education Steering Committee

Room 125 (The Travelstead Room, in Museum of Education)

September 19, 2012

Meeting called to order at 1:00pm

Attendees: Zack Kelehear, Allison Jacques, Doyle Stevick, Kellah Edens, Eva Monsma, Allison Anders, Margo Jackson, Kara Brown, John Carper, Margo Jackson, Mike, Tambra Jackson, Stephen Thompson

- I. Minutes: Approved with change to formatting of outline (eliminate redundant E)
- II. Update from Dean's Office on Faculty Governance Vision (Kelehear)

Steering committee appreciated Dean Kelehear's explanation of command chains and willingness to facilitate transparent faculty gov structure and communication mechanisms.

Key ideas discussed:

Faculty governance desired, but impacted by budgetary constraints.

Budget and faculty governance are intertwined, therefore any governance discussions need to be informed by a clearer understanding of budgetary decision-making.

Committee Member Carper asked that his statement (paraphrased by the secretary) be included in the minutes: Budgetary allocations are a clear indicator of the extent to which faculty governance is a priority for the College. If faculty governance is a priority for the College the budget should reflect its importance.

Committee discussed the importance of having access to college budget information in order to better understand decision-making within the college.

Dean Kelehear explained that Dean Watson approves all College budgetary allocations. Dean Seaman is primary responsible for financial oversight of the College budget. Steering Committee has leeway in faculty governance matters, until they impact the college budget. In this case, committee should work through/with Dean Seaman.

Committee asks for suggestions from Dean Kelehear about how best to interact with the Dean Seaman and Dean Watson regarding faculty governance (and related college budget matters).

In the spirit of enhancing communication mechanisms to better interface with the Dean's office, the Committee invites Associate Dean Seaman and Dean Watson to attend the next

meeting for a discussion about the intertwined nature of faculty governance and budgetary decision-making.

Committee Member Brown will take questions from committee members (via email, within next 72 hours) for the Deans related to the requested discussion.

III. Updates from Standing Committees on General/Referred Issues

Administrative Council report given by Committee Member Monsma (based on draft minutes), key ideas included:

Bruce Field's presentation on school-university partnerships discussed.

Study Abroad Program - College of Education template for course proposals discussed/presented.

Strategic Plan - record enrollment in undergraduate programs, faculty course loads discussed.

College of Education - Distance Education Ad Hoc Committee report given by Committee Member Thompson

Committee discussed institutionalization of committee, asked that committee reconsider name and purpose of committee (note that distributed learning is a related, more encompassing term).

Excused myself from meeting here, can someone help finish the minutes?

Initial Ad Hoc committees under new faculty governance autonomy discovery-opt in test frame in progress (3: distance Ed., entrepreneurial framework, plagiarism)

Subcommittee chairs to review committee mission and list of Opt-in Ad Hoc committee Nov 14 due date for subcommittee bylaw changes, changes due to faculty Dec. 5

Meeting adjourned at 2:15

Minutes respectfully submitted by Stephen Thompson and Eva Monsma