Collegiate Council Meeting

Minutes from October 12, 2012

In Attendance: Bonnie Thornton Dill (Dean, ARHU), Charley Rutherford (ARHU), Paula Barriga Sanchez (History and Classified Staff Representative), Holly Brewer (History), Audra Buck-Coleman (Art), Kristy Maddux (Communications), Hayim Lapin (Jewish Studies), Katherine Murdock (Music), Jerrold Levinson (Philosophy), Joshua Shannon (Art History), Naomi Feldman (Linguistics), Francisco Barrenechea (Classics), Walter Dallas (Theater, Dance and Performance Studies), Ashwini Tambe (Women’s Studies), Scott Wible (English), Audran Downing (ARHU), Nicky Everette (ARHU) and Brian Crawford (ARHU)

1. Introductions of the Collegiate Council and approval for the minutes from meeting of September 7, 2012.
   - Professor Holly Brewer agreed to serve as the Chair of the Collegiate Council. Because Professor Brewer is on a residential fellowship at Washington College, Jerry Levinson will be representing the CC on the Administrative Council and Kathy Murdock will be representing the CC on APAC.

2. The CC approved minutes from meeting of September 7, 2012.

3. Announcements:
   - Richard Bell from History and Valerie Anishchenkova from School of Languages have been nominated by the ARHU Review panel for the summer stipends offered by the National Endowment for the Humanities.
   - This year, the ARHU Distinguished Scholar lectures will be delivered by Theresa Coletti from English and Delores Ziegler from Music. The first lecture, by Delores Ziegler, will be held on Monday October 12, 2012.
   - “Reproductive Justice, Race, and the US Elections,” a forum moderated by Dr. Ashwini Tambe, will be held in the Nyumburu Multipurpose Room on October 24 from 6-8pm. Speakers will include Carol McDonald, the Director of Strategic Partnerships for Planned Parenthood Federation of America, as well as Salina Rivera and Cristina Khan, trip leaders of Alternative Spring Break Puerto Rico.
   - Holly Brewer encouraged the CC members to keep their ears open to issues or concerns from colleagues and to send them by email to hbrewer@umd.edu. Issues will be explained and reviewed during the CC meetings.

- Nicky Everett (ARHU) introduced the Year in Review 2011-2012 booklet, a combination of the College’s events and information organized by faculty, graduate and undergraduate students, and UMD staff. Nicky encouraged the CC for updates and important events in your departments to be included in this booklet. The Year in Review 2011-2012 booklet is given to faculty and staff on campus and to donors. It is also available in an electronic format; hard copies are available per request. Please send any important events and information to Nicky via email meve@umd.edu.
- Holly Brewer suggested a database for the Alumni donors who could be sent the Year in Review 2011-2012 booklet. AHRU staff is working on an updated donors list including Alumni list.
- Dean Thornton Dill has a development office whose main focus is to obtain donations to support the dean’s awards to students. Dean Thornton Dill will accept ideas in how to get more donations.
- Nicky and Brian showed a second part of the WORDWISE insights video project.
- Walter Dallas encouraged Nicky to mention and/or show the professor’s name during the video.
- Holly Brewer recommended that Nicky also include a clip of a lecture in the WORLDWISE insights video.
- Joshua Shannon pointed out the difficulty in navigating the WORLDWISE insights website. Also, he suggested showing a title of a book written by each professor in the video project.

5. Audran Downing (ARHU): Plus/Minus Grading Policy

- Audran Downing encouraged the CC members to communicate to their departments to be more specific with the grading on their syllabus. Every syllabus should include the plus/minus grading policy and a detailed explanation on grading. If faculty improve communication with students regarding the plus/minus grading process, there would be fewer students concerns at the end of each semester.
- Holly Brewer stated that the faculty should include the grading calculation process in the syllabus to avoid confusion.
- Audran Downing requested ideas and feedback from the CC on how to avoid confusion to the students on the plus/minus grading policy.
6. Dean's Remarks:

- The President's Innovation and Entrepreneurship program is focusing on the students' welfare. President Loh wants every student to have innovation and entrepreneurial experience on their resumes when they graduate. He is committed to raising funds for this program and wants ARHU to be more involved in the program, in order to find innovative ways to create jobs for our students.

- The search for the vice president for the Academy Innovation and Entrepreneurship is still open. Also still open is a search for someone to lead a joint project about commercial enterprises between UMB and UMCP.

- Arts and Humanities is offering internships on how to improve students' resume. These internships teach students how to build experience needed and how to best present their skills.

- ARHU is renewing the Access to Alumni program so current students can share and learn from former students about jobs and to encourage them make connections with alumni.