

Minutes, Collegiate Council Meeting: November 20, 2009

Attending: Linda Aldoory (Chair), Charley Rutherford, Leigh Smiley, Jason Kuo, Caroline Eades, Chip Richardson, Alexander Williams, Eva Stehle, Katie King, Dean James Harris, Edward Walters.

Call to Order: 1:07

Dean's Report.

A new budget cut has been announced, which the Diamondback wrongly says will come from reserves. The campus has no reserves; the cuts may be taken from soft funds or money on vacant lines. This campus will suffer a cut of around \$10 million if it is assessed the usual 40% percent of the system cut. We should be able to weather this one.

The Dean has dropped the holiday party for the College for this year. He is trying to fund academic endeavors as much as possible. Since there appears to be no money from the Graduate School for book subvention this year, the College is trying to put together a system for supporting faculty publishing, especially for assistant professors. It will accept applications at any point during the year and respond on a case-by-case basis. The request can be for up to \$5000, but no more than the department is offering. The Dean, together with the Provost and the Smithsonian, is also providing funds to a pool to which groups can apply for seed money for grants, as has been announced.

The budget cut for FY 2011 will probably be on the order of 10%. That would come to about \$4.7 million for ARHU, all from base budget. The College will become smaller, and the number of students we (and the campus) teach cannot remain the same. The UMD system is required to have 75% of its student body from instate. It has not reached that limit yet. Out-of-state students pay nearly three times as much as instate students, so the temptation is to take more out-of-state students. That would be bad for the state and bad for diversity on this campus.

Carol Mossman's Report.

As head of the School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, Prof. Carol Mossman presented the School's new Plan of Organization. The major changes were in the direction of dispersing authority and empowering departments. The Advisory Committee was reorganized; the Travel Committee became the Travel and Events Committee, a venue for fair evaluation of all the ideas for events; an Initiatives Committee (in the process of being voted on) is meant to consider supra-departmental issues in a strategic way. Carol will ask it to propose two topics that could be the subject of a School-wide conference; the School will vote on the choice. Other changes include adding job-secure lecturers to salary committees and giving more representation to non-job-secure lecturers; creating a system for vetting new programs; a system of mediation; and establishing 50% approval as the threshold for making amendments to the Plan of Organization. A new departmental structure is being created. The APT Committee will be School-wide.

There were informational questions about the plan. Department Chairs in the School usually get course releases, as do Undergraduate and Graduate Directors. This is expensive to the School (and across campus) and may have to change in the future.

Linda Aldoory questioned the short terms (one year, with the possibility of a second year) for the Initiatives Committee. Carol explained that they meant to create staggered terms of two

years but agreed that the language was not clear. She will alter it to reflect that goal. With that change, Chip Richardson moved to accept the Plan and Katie King seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes of the October 30, 2009, and May 1, 2009, meetings.

An amendment was proposed, that a sentence should be added under IV of the minutes, on the ARHU Plan of Organization: after the first sentence of the long paragraph (to which the verb “ensued” was added), add “It was agreed that the addition of ‘and diversity’ to ‘affirmative action’ would be a substantive change.” With that addition Katie moved and Eva Stehle seconded that the minutes should be approved. There was unanimous approval. Those who had attended the May 1 meeting unanimously approved the minutes of that meeting.

New business.

The date and format of the Dean’s Forum were discussed. A date early in the second semester is desirable. It was agreed that the Provost should be invited as well. We therefore decided to offer the Provost a choice of four dates and ask whether he would be available for one of them. They were Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, the 10th and 11th and the 17th and 18th of February, at 2:30-4:30. Linda will try to find an available room. The Maryland Room, MMH 1400, and Ulrich Recital Hall were mentioned as possibilities. A question came up about whether students would be welcome to attend. The consensus was that this should be an occasion for faculty to question the administrators.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30.

Submitted by Eva Stehle