

Collegiate Council Minutes

February 26, 2010

Present: Linda Aldoory, Charles Rutherford, David Olson (undergraduate student rep), Susan Allen (Graduate Student representative), Leigh Smiley THEA), Bernard Cooperman JWST and HIST, Brendan Kreg (for Myron Lounsbury AMST), Sam Kerstein (PHIL), Chip Richardson (ART), Alexander Williams (Linguistics), Herve Thomas Campagne (SLLC), Dean James Harris

Minutes were approved as amended.

Dean's Remarks:

No real new budget news. Tuition MAY go up.

Charley asked about economic impact of snow removal: Savings accrue from not using power in campus buildings, much more than cost of snow removal.

Searches appear to be going very well. Jim putting out an email to work with Exec/Advisory committees to ask for reallocation money back. Three areas to address:

1. Continue to pursue Humanities Center? Beth Loizeau and Richard Price (ask for short term money to fund grants and projects, not so much for infrastructure)
2. Support for graduate programs: innovative ways, need for this is tremendous, issue of workload
3. Strategic hiring: new combinations, sharing across departments, targeted searches

Discussion of these initiatives: Dance. MITH, Kinesiology, CSEE: Neh/NIH grant

Bernard: Many work while they are in graduate school, one thing to think about: the university could restructure how we finance graduate study. Jim pointed out that tuition is built in to the federal grants that finance science and engineering graduate students. Question: do we admit people to a program without financial aid? Bernard: There are a large number of Social Studies teachers in Maryland who need Master's degrees. Professional Master's degree available from Graduate School.

Susan spoke about the value of fulltime support in getting students to graduation. GSG (Graduate student Government) tuition not an issue, but fee raises ARE a concern: including for classroom equipment. Jim pointed out we are trying to raise the stipends and lower the workload. Trends show increase of fulltime and decrease of part-time graduate students.

There will be a fee increase for the library and it has gone through. Tis is mostly from undergraduate tuition.

David asked if fee increases were due to healthcare increases? Jim does not know. Most fees are tied to specific courses as lab fees. Campus Finance Committee subcommittee sets all fee structures. There are also technology fees.

Chip asked about strategic hiring: you can make an argument for survival of the strength of a program, but should they be more strategic? Jim: Half only will be left on a retirement line. Ask ourselves: do we need this line? What line would be most important for the unit? The college? The campus?

Back to Bernard: Now we are hiring across departments more often, with the possibility of the Humanities Center, is there an advantage to our college to solicit partnerships outside our College? Jim: yes. Includes Centers. MITH for example.

New General Education draft: it's 70 pages long, please read it!

New Date for the College Forum: Tawes 1100 1-3 Thursday April 8, in coordination with the Provost's schedule. Bernard suggested video taping the session.

RE: reasoned arguments about campus issues—where to go to discuss? Charley: Nicki is working on it. (online tools) David: look at ELMS.

New Business: none!

Chip will take over as Secretary.

At 2:00, lacking any further business, Linda declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Bradley