Minutes
Woodring Faculty Affairs Council
November 18, 2016, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Miller Hall 158

Committee: Trula Nicholas (Chair), LeAnne Robinson (Chair Elect), John Korsmo, Keith Hyatt, Kate Wayne, Kristen French, Vero Velez, Francisco Rios
Regrets: Lauren McClanahan,
Guests: Victor Nolet, Angie Harwood, Kevin Roxas
Support: Cheryl Mathison

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Approval of FAC minutes from November 4, 2016, Motion by Kate Wayne; seconded by John Korsmo. Unanimous approval with amendments. Abstained: Vero Velez

2. Dialogue – Discussion of how the current political climate affects students, faculty, and staff; and ways WCE can provide sanctuary on multiple levels.
   i. Providing sanctuary in CEED has already begun; however, more resources are needed to assure students have a safe place to live if need be.
   ii. WCE must stand behind our staff, faculty, and students, while being respectful of those who have different views than ours.
   iii. Education is the key to thinking differently. We can help educate if we try to meet people where they are.
   iv. FAC must take a lead role in making it clear that WCE will support faculty, staff, and students in keeping with the core mission of the college, despite risks.
   v. Kristen will start a document of discussion points to help departments engage in discussion about what sanctuary will look like in CEED.
   vi. Dean Rios appreciates input and suggestions from faculty on how to advance requests for resources and services.

3. Strategic Planning Committee/Department Updates
   i. Handout (see below) is a compilation of all the data received to this point.
   ii. Out of 12 original themes the committee came up with a draft of four strategic priorities which encompass the 12 themes and align with the WCE vision statement.
   iii. Departments need to respond quickly, as the final priorities need to be to President Randhawa’s office by January 15, 2017.

4. Ray Wolpow Institute for the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide, and Crimes against Humanity Nomination/Process
   i. Keith Hyatt nominated Aaron Perzigian to represent WCE at Ray Wolpow Institute; second by John Korsmo. Unanimously approved.
   ii. FAC will create a policy for nominating representatives at a future meeting.

5. Kate and Victor agreed to draft proposal language for college level UEP regarding support for faculty engaged in critical justice work.

Campground:
✓ Nomination policy for Wolpow Institute Woodring representative.
✓ Discuss advising as teaching or service
✓ Review charge of the FAC
A First Draft of Strategic Priorities

Our strategic priorities are to develop, support, and sustain

- justice-oriented, diversity practices
  - recognizing historical and contemporary inequalities, we pursue practices that honor diversities and promote social justice to and for equity.

- high quality programs
  - recognizing the importance of quality in all of our academic programs, we affirm the importance of sustainability, technology, and innovation to meet current and anticipated needs.

- robust internal and external community relationships and partnerships
  - recognizing the complexity of change, we develop partnerships internally, locally, nationally, and globally to maximize our ability for meaningful impact within communities.

- research and knowledge creation
  - recognizing the importance of quality, rigorous academic research and creative activity, we engage in scholarly activity that advances the academic disciplines and illuminates challenges and opportunities.

You may note the parallels between our themes and the College Vision: Woodring College of Education fosters community relationships and a culture of learning that advance knowledge, honor diversities, and promote social justice.

Three questions for you to consider:

- Do these strategic priorities capture the essence of the work of the college?
- Do you see yourself in these broad priorities?
- If there is absolutely something you cannot live with, please note it.