

Minutes for UPC Meeting, April 26, 2010

Attending: Rosemary Jadack, Jeanne Skoug, Lori Snyder, Rama Yelkur, Andy Nelson, MJ Brukardt. Guest: Student Alex Hetzer

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm. Jeanne Skoug introduced student Alex Hetzer, who spent the day shadowing her.

Members determined what they would present to the University Senate at the May 27 meeting as an update on the Gold Arrow progress. The talking point script follows.

MJ then reminded the UPC that Jeanne and Bob Hooper will be retiring from the UPC at the end of the summer. There was agreement that there should be representation from the Student Affairs division on the UPC. It was determined that MJ will contact Vice Chancellor Beth Hellwig and Dean Marty Wood to ask for nominations to be brought forward to the Chancellor. It was determined that, if possible, the Chancellor would present his finalists to the Senate Executive at the May 2nd meeting. Susan Harrison also noted that revisions to the Faculty and Academic Staff Handbook will make it easier to make changes to the UPC membership and functions descriptions. The UPC will review these in the fall to determine if any changes will be needed.

The meeting concluded at 3 pm.

Talking Points for UPC Update to University Senate

April 28, 2010

Susan

- Introduce UPC members: Rama, Lori & Jeanne
- Purpose of visit: To provide update on our Gold Arrow progress
- UPC is gathering information on this year's efforts & will make recommendations to the Chancellor's Cabinet for next year's Gold Arrows

Rama

- We interviewed Chancellor, Provost, Vice Chancellor and key University leaders
- We have accomplished a lot this year—thanks to all of you and to the campus
- There are many important initiatives underway or completed—and they support our overall Centennial Goals—we are making progress!
- We also heard that with the Blugold Commitment people are excited that we will have the funding to do things we have not been able to before
- But we also heard that people are tired—we've worked very hard and we don't want a lot of new initiatives; we have lots on our plates right now
- We also heard that people want to see better ways to value and reward faculty and staff
- So here's an overview of our Gold Arrow achievements:

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- Continuing the Faculty Fellow—Selika Ducksworth-Lawton
- Completed the Equity Scorecard and Climate Survey
- Created a social justice living/learning community, 22 students enrolled
- Admissions has hired a multi-cultural recruiter
- We have an Enrollment Management Team in place and working on a recruitment and retention plan

Lori

- We had aggressive goals for academic improvement and we've made significant progress
- Guidelines in place to help develop immersion programs, with \$107,000 awarded
- Title III funds are available to provide professional development to faculty to enhance advising; a new plan for advising will be launched this fall
- Stipends are being offered for faculty to create bundled courses this summer for the new GE program—will be piloted this fall
- Blugold Commitment funding resulted in 80 proposals for High Impact Practices
- Developed a process to provide credit for student leaders and their contributions

Jeanne

- The Senate's Physical Plant Planning Committee reconstituted and members now linked to all facilities committees
- A Sustainability Network established to link initiatives across campus—from curriculum to student initiatives
- Website home for all our facilities projects launched; parking plan announced

Susan

- Invite Senate to provide their suggestions for what the UPC should recommend for next year
- New ideas? What we should continue?
- Note: Draft reports on the Gold Arrows are on the strategic planning website. A report card will be published and available at the Breakfast.