Minutes  
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Guests: M. Cassidy, B. Knight (for Provost Kleine,) G. Scukanec

1. Minutes from November 1, 2011 were approved as distributed.

2. The members discussed a proposal to add the wording “In the event that a senator from the Library is elected to the committee, an ex officio Library Services representative will not be required” to the end of Article Three, Section H, Number 4 (The Academic Policies Committee), letter A (Membership) of the Faculty and Academic Staff Rules and Procedures document. During the discussion it was decided that this addition did not change the current representation/obligations of the Library on APC and was therefore unnecessary. The motion was withdrawn.

3. Chair Pratt asked the committee to consider adding wording from the Process and Procedures for Department/Program Review document to pg 121 [Article Five, Section C, Departmental Review and Planning] of the Faculty and Academic Staff Rules and Procedures document. Through discussion the members decided there was no need for additional wording considering the function of the Faculty and Academic Staff Rules and Procedures document. No motion was made.

4. Members discussed the Program Review Criteria in relationship to PEEQ. The discussion brought up varying opinions of the PEEQ process, but it was concluded that with better planning it could be more effective. Ideas of quantitative vs. qualitative data/rationale/evidence were discussed and concerns where raised about where and how to acknowledge those things that cannot be represented in numbers. The committee will try to obtain the rubrics generated from the PEEQ teams and the email survey regarding PEEQ and Program Review sent to Chairs and Directors. The committee will continue discussion on the role and purpose of APC in the Departmental Review Procedure.

5. Associate Vice Chancellor for Undergraduate Studies, B. Knight explained budget issues that were discussed in the recent Chancellors Cabinet meeting. B. Knight explained that UWEC still needs to identify $2.9 million in reductions and that 88% of the Universities operating budget consists of salaries and benefits. He asked the committee to consider what we, as leaders, can say no to while still delivering high quality service. He reiterated that we cannot be everything to everyone and tough decisions need to be made at all levels of leadership, not simply passed up the line. B. Nowlan brought up the need
to have transparency and clarity about what Departments and Programs are doing to help in this reduction.

6. Chair Pratt will be out of the country next week. B. Nowlan will run the November 15 meeting. At this upcoming meeting members will be looking at proposals from the Study Abroad Program and discussing the role of APC in the application and reflection of information gained from Topics of Day discussed in University Senate meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary for the Meeting