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Guests: David Baker, Margaret Cassidy, Jennifer Fager, Marc Goulet, Deb Jansen, Bob Knight, Jill Prushiek, Gail Scukanec, Carter Smith, Tracy Yengo

Chair Pratt called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

1. The minutes of the November 20, 2012 meeting were approved as distributed.

2. Liberal Education
   a) Wellness – final discussion and vote:
      - Dean Scukanec refers to wellness as more holistic than just physical activity.
      - L. Bica stated it is more important to focus on holism and wellness in a broader view and feels there is an importance for a University Wellness Committee for a holistic approach as there is a need to transform the campus to encourage individual change. She also mentioned the resource perspective.
      - P. Martin asked does the structure we have in place provide what we want and need. Current wellness courses may not cover all wellness topics.
      - Dean Scukanec wants to make students aware of what wellness is and how it impacts the individual and society.
      - S. Ducksworth-Lawton mentioned exposing students to certain content and positive behavior changes.
      - B. Nowlan worries about changing curricular requirement but then no change to campus as something else needs to be done.
      - Provost Klein indicated that Student Affairs has been interested in wellness on different levels and would like to explore.
      - T. Yengo commented that if we are committed to wellness then there needs to be funding.

      J. Hoepner made motion to support wellness as a University requirement for students. Second by S. Ducksworth-Lawton. Vote: Yes-3; No-6. Not supported.

   b) Physical Activity – final discussion and vote:
      S. Ducksworth-Lawton made motion to support Physical Activity as a University requirement. Second by J. Markgraf. Vote: Yes-0; No-unanimous. Not supported.

   c) Foreign Language/Foreign Culture: Introductory discussion
      - Chair Pratt asked if this needs to be a separate University requirement or whether it could be folded into liberal education reform and where under the proposed liberal education outcomes would it be.
- Carter Smith from Foreign Languages indicated that culture is embedded nicely but foreign language is different and would not like to see it embedded.
- D. Mowry provided some history of Foreign Language requirement as it was originally for all students but we didn’t have enough resources to make it happen.
- C. Smith indicated that ideally students would have 4 semesters of FL but we can’t fund that. There is recognition for the importance of and studies of other cultures but we do have limitations to what we can do.
- B. Nowlan indicated an aspiration to have all students eventually meet FL fluency someday but we need to make a bigger commitment to it.
- C. Smith identified the 3rd goal on the Centennial Plan as needing more work and commitment to have FL as a requirement.
- Discussion about how foreign culture and global learning is similar. Foreign culture is more specific and has a national boarder. Global learning looks at larger or global trends and is systems based.
- C. Smith identified there is reference to study of language in #3 of global learning rubric.
- Chair Pratt indicated that FL could be aligned with the proposed liberal education outcomes as FC is.

3. Upcoming agenda items.
- Next week will be the 2 department prefix.
- Chair Pratt is meeting with APC members on how to transition ULEC proposal to APC proposal.
- We will come back and look at liberal education outcomes proposal as a whole.
- Minor requirement – Chairs and Deans are looking at this and will meet with us on Dec. 4th for preliminary discussion. Deans are still addressing learning outcomes.
- We will probably meet on Dec. 18th.

4. Provost Klein asked to share an issue she is working on: Posthumous Guidelines
- Several circumstances that usually happens when a student passes away. Situation is highly charged and emotional times. This is not a policy because there could be a time that this wouldn't be followed.
- Requirements for nomination: at the time of death the student had to be enrolled and in good standing with 90 UG credits. Department and Dean should make recommendation to Provost.
- Not discussed with family until decision made. Dean of Students communicates with family. There are often other ways to respect the student.
- This semester there will be 2 degrees awarded.
- Current Interim Chancellor and Senate Executive Committee are aware.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Hanson Brenner, secretary for the meeting