Minutes
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Present: Lori Bica, Selika Duckworth-Lawton, Doug Dunham, Ned Gannon, Jerry Hoepner, Cheryl Lapp, Jean Pratt (chair), Stephanie Wical

Guests: Margaret Cassidy, Jennifer Fager, Jill Prushiek

Chair J. Pratt called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm

Minutes of the 4/14/2015 APC meeting approved as distributed.

J. Pratt rescheduled Materials Science program review for next APC meeting so that Marc Mc Ellistrem could be present. She also rescheduled discussion of Broadfield Social Sciences program review for the next APC meeting. The 4/28/2014 meeting was devoted to the discussion of the Psychology program review narrative.

L. Bica recommended revising or eliminating the sentence, “One option the chair is promoting in the department is to have faculty rotate through the common Psychology core classes,” because as Chair Doug Matthews stated in April 7th APC Meeting, it was an idea that he had tossed out at the end of a Psychology Department meeting. This idea is not consistent with the 15 year strategic plan and does not have the support of the faculty. Additionally, Bica does not believe that anyone feels “locked in” to their teaching assignments or that there is a workload disparity and stated that there is always a way to provide for some flexibility.

L. Bica mentioned a position that was a shared Psychology and Women’s Studies position that was to be paid for with Blugold Funding. S. Wical commented that with the hiring freeze, Women’s Studies is now down to only .25 FTE.

Both N. Gannon and S. Duckworth-Lawton stressed that APC not be too prescriptive about what departments should do when it comes to budget issues, adding that that the department of Psychology should have flexibility.

S. Duckworth-Lawton agreed that the sentence L. Bica suggested revising or removing and the following bullet points be removed from the program review narrative.

S. Duckworth-Lawton also suggested removing “as the current workload issue focuses on the disparity in who teaches the larger sections.” The revised sentence should read, “That class restructuring appears to have been completed.”

Both N. Gannon and S. Duckworth-Lawton agreed that the APC should not be too heavy-handed as departments are doing the best they can with the resources that they have. N. Gannon agreed with S. Duckworth-Lawton that we should not make statements about workload.

S. Wical suggested asking for an update regarding the Blugold-funded position.
N. Gannon suggested removing the statements regarding implementing approaches for improving faculty morale.

M. Cassidy had a procedural question and J. Pratt said that she provided letters to the chairs as professional courtesies and she tries to be as transparent as possible.

J. Pratt asked if APC would be willing to discuss any issues that remained after our next two meetings via e-mail. APC is okay with that. APC will discuss the American Indian Studies program review as well as the agenda items that were rescheduled.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:27pm

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie H. Wical, secretary for the meeting.