Northern Illinois University

COMMITTEE ON THE UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT

122nd Meeting
Tuesday, April 14, 2009
Altgeld Hall 225

MINUTES

Approved

Present: T. Bough (VPA), P. Brown (BUS), J. Brunson (Ex Officio, Student Affairs), A. Dreessen (Ex Officio, Student Involvement and Leadership Development), J. Isabel (UCC/HHS), W. Johnson (LIB), M. Koren (HHS), K. Lyell (Student/LAS), D. Pender (EDUC), E. Seaver (Ex Officio, Vice Provost), M. Stang (Ex Officio, Student Housing Services), J. Szostak (EET - Substitute for D. Cesarotti)

Absent: D. Cesarotti (EET), T. Griffin, Ombudsman, M. Lenczewski (LAS), Jon Tharnstrom (Student Association)

Guest: (None)

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by T. Bough, seconded by M. Koren, to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Approval of Minutes

The February 10, 2009, minutes of the Committee on the Undergraduate Academic Environment meeting were electronically approved.

B. Affirmative Action and Diversity Resources (AADR) Committee Report – W. Johnson

W. Johnson reported that the AADR committee has been reviewing three draft documents related to the training of search committees in diversity and discrimination issues. He said that all three drafts have been sent back to the appropriate committees for additional revision. He commented that he felt that the AADR Committee needs to have more faculty representation as there are going to be guidelines for faculty search committees proposed, and faculty members need to be involved.

W. Johnson also thanked Vice Provost Seaver for providing him with a list of the 2007-2008 USOAR recipients for the Academic Convocation Committee per the request he made at the February CUAE meeting. The Academic Convocation Committee would like to contact some of the recipients about the possibility of being research presenters at Academic Convocation in August.
D. Pender reminded the committee that W. Johnson had been serving as her replacement on the AADR for this academic year, and a new CUAE representative will need to be selected in the fall to serve in this capacity.

III. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Overview of Current Year Activities

D. Pender briefly outlined and reviewed with committee members the agenda topics and discussions covered throughout the current academic year. She noted that follow-up reports to several of this year’s topics will be carried over to the 2009-2010 CUAE agendas.

B. Committee Goals and Topics of Discussion for 2009-2010

D. Pender asked for suggestions for topics and goals for the committee for 2009-2010. She said that a tentative list of ideas for meeting topics will be developed, and, when the committee reconvenes in the fall, the committee will have the chance to update and finalize the schedule of topics for the coming year.

Topics suggested for 2009-2010 included the following:

1) National Survey of Student Engagement Results (NSSE) (October meeting)
2) Enrollment Management Strategies (October meeting)
3) Campus Facilities/Improvements Update – Bob Albanese, Guest Speaker (November meeting)
4) Baccalaureate Review Update (November and February meetings)
5) Campus Climate Survey Results (March meeting)
6) Onsite meeting: View renovation plans and tour of Residence Hall (March meeting)

A motion was made by J. Isabel, seconded by M. Koren, to approve the tentative schedule of meeting agenda topics as discussed. The motion carried.

E. Seaver recommended that an update on the Foundations of Excellence initiative also be included on the list of meeting topics for the next year.

A motion was made by W. Johnson, seconded by T. Bough, to amend the schedule of discussion topics to include an update on the Foundations of Excellence initiative. The motion carried.

C. Selection of Faculty Chair for 2009-2010

Selection of a faculty committee chair for 2009-2010 was postponed until the first committee meeting of the fall 2009 semester.
V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2009, beginning at 2:00 p.m. in Altgeld Hall 225.

Respectfully submitted,
Mollie Montgomery
Recording Secretary