ACADEMIC PLANNING COUNCIL

September 21, 2020
3:00-4:00 p.m. Microsoft Teams

Minutes

Present: Hamid Bateni, Judith Chitwood, Carolinda Douglass, Marc Falkoff, Beth Ingram, Yipeng Liu, Evgueni Nesterov, Leanne VandeCreek, Donald Zinger

Absent: Cynthia Campbell

Guests: Ritu Subramony, Kendall Thu

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

1. **Welcome**
    a. Beth Ingram welcomed everyone to the committee and reviewed the agenda
        i. Review of APC duties and role
        ii. Shared governance reorganization and APC
        iii. University goals for FY21 and academic/budget priorities
2. **Review of APC Duties and Role**
    a. Beth Ingram said there are several bodies of work that the committee could consider for this year, not sure there is time to do all of them.
        i. How do we encourage transdisciplinary research?
        ii. How do we support our graduate students?
        iii. How do we make the budget process in Academic Affairs more transparent? How are budgets developed, how is that information delivered to faculty so that there is a better understanding of how resources are allocated.
        iv. How do we take some of the lessons learned through COVID to expand educational opportunities?
3. **Shared Governance Reorganization and APC**
    a. Kendall Thu spoke about the complete revamping of shared governance from last year. Academic authority has been moved out of the University Council (UC) into the Faculty Senate (FS), for example promotion and tenure isn't in UCPC it is in FSPC. A number of committees were eliminated or downsized. The University Council added two instructors and one clinical faculty to the membership. University Council will be tackling the APPM this fall. The goal is to move policy from the APPM into the Policy Library. The APC now reports to the Faculty Senate instead of the University Council.
    b. Carolinda Douglass explained that in the past the APC spent a lot of time on program review, which is no longer the case. Program review has been decentralized and move to the colleges for completion. The

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APC committee membership has been streamlined. Each college still has a faculty representative but there used to be many more administrators on the committee, which have been eliminated.

c. Kendall Thu stated that Student Evaluation of Teaching will be reviewed by FSPC this year. Over the summer department chairs and school directors were contacted to discuss assessment, program review and accreditation. The feedback is that there is a lack of faculty buy in for assessment practices. Kendall would like to see assessment simplified and build back trust so that faculty can see the benefit of their time spent on assessment.

4. Other Business and Announcements

a. Beth requested that committee members use Teams for files and announcements.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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