CLAS Faculty Council Minutes

Wednesday, October 8th, 2014  Pugh 150

Meeting convenes at 5:35 pm

Members present:

Shifra Armon (Span. & Port.), Nina Caputo (Hist.), Charles Gattone (Socio.), Ken Kidd (Eng.), Valeria Kleiman (Chem.), Gillian Lord (assembly chair, Ex-officio member) Eric Potsdam (Ling, instead of S. G. from the finance committee), Ben Smith (Pol. Sc., Chair Fac Counc.), Gene Wittmer (Phil.), Marta Wayne (Bio.)

Student representatives: Sarah Harper, Khanh Ha, Hillary Thornton and Brooke Alexander.

Not present: Vince Vatter (Math.), Jon Martin (Geo) Sharon Abramowitz (Anthrop.), Ido Oren (Pol. Sc.).

1. Dean search committee. There is a meeting of the search committee tomorrow. In preparation, Gillian spoke with Elaine Turner (chair of the committee). It was decided that once we know the timeline we would try to finalize the priority statement from the Faculty Council.

2. Interim Dean D. Richardson joined the meeting at 5:45.
   He gave a 40 min presentation on the budget and its relation to SCHs.

   The budget is 2.5M less than F14 due to reduced SCH.

   The overall budget for the college is expected to be between 500k and 1M on the red at the end of 14-15 fiscal year.

   The numbers on SCH since '98 show that H had the largest drop, NMS increased, BSS is at the 98 level (after an increase and decrease). The IDS majors were converted to BIO and that’s why NMS increased. IDS peaked in 2006 and then decreased. Overall, there is a 13% drop in SCH since 2006.

   Regarding faculty lines, since 2006, there is a drop of 24% on faculty lines (T & T track); with the added lecturers, the overall number of faculty decreased by 20% but the number of classes has not diminished that much, so faculty are working harder.

   Following the presentation there was a discussion of possible ways to increase the SCH.
   Possibilities include directing the enrollment to Hum at acceptance time; increasing the number of transfers accepted into the college.
3. Marta Wayne motioned to approve the minutes from last meeting (09/10/14) and Gene Wittmer seconded. Approved.

At 6:40 the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Valeria Kleiman