## **MINUTES**

University Committee Meeting Wednesday, April 15, 2015, 3:00 PM CL 735

<u>Present</u>: Clifton Ganyard, Katrina Hrivnak, Sylvia (Mimi) Kubsch, John Lyon, Steven Meyer (chair), Christine Style, Kristin Vespia

Guests: Chancellor Miller, Provost Fritz, Amanda Hruska, Bridget Derge

- 1. The UC meeting minutes from the April 1, 2015 were approved.
- 2. <u>Continuing Business</u>:
  - a. PEA/URS Merger Professor Meyer read a communique from Dean Scott Furlong recommending the merger of PEA and URS. After brief discussion, it was noted that the merger requires several levels of review and approval. Meyer will check with Professor Abbott for clarification on procedure.
- 3. <u>Chancellor</u>: The Chancellor joined the UC at approximately 3:25 and provided a report on the previous week's Regents Meeting. Discussion of the Public Authority, the budget, enrollment, Retirement Incentives ensued. The Chancellor ended by discussing his vision of new organizational model for the university embodied in 4 or 5 deans. Discussion focused on the advantages of such a model.
- 4. <u>Provost</u>: The Provost joined the UC at approximately 4:00. He had little to report, but noted two items of interest: 1) The Chancellor is preparing a university-wide memo on our current status. 2) The Provost has begun working with the deans to approve as many ad hoc requests as possible.
- 5. Registrar: The Registrar joined the UC to discuss three possible policy changes.
  - a. The Registrar would like to extend the period in which faculty may request that students be forcibly dropped from courses (for non-attendance of classes, etc.) to two weeks.
  - b. The Registrar would like to end Wait List at the beginning of the semester. Current practice (in which the Wait List continues until eight days into the semester), causes numerous logistical problems, frequently leading to students being added to courses without their knowledge. Faculty would have control over admitting students to their courses, and the Registrar will provide a list of students who were on the Wait List.
  - c. The Registrar would like to have a single date for both Drop and Withdrawal. She suggested the date be at eight weeks into the semester. The current practice with two different dates causes students a great deal of confusion. Appeals for late drops or withdrawals would still be possible.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clifton Ganyard.

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