University Committee
Minutes for Wednesday January 12th, 2022, via Teams

Present: Patricia Terry, Aaron Weinschenk, Joan Groessl, Dan Kallgren, Heidi Sherman, Devin Bickner, Jon Shelton, Virginia Englebert, Kim Mezger

Guests: Kate Burns, Michael Alexander, Wendy Woodward, Steve Meyer

Call to order at 3:01

1. Discussion on new CATL director (Alexander)
   a. “Digital transformation”
      i. Goals are to improve student success, research, streamline administration, etc., with IT and CATL working together, and not for IT to drive mission of institution.
      ii. GB is behind on technology (e.g., navigate and digital forms.)
      iii. Hopes to ease workload issue with the position, which was a major problem.
   b. Will hire a highly qualified faculty teacher who excels at instruction, and is in tune with IT, not simply an IT-focused person.
   c. Position is a 12-month appointment that can teach on faculty, is an administrative appointment, and will now report to both Associate Provost and CIO.
   d. Will have two people (both academic staff), one of which is a new line, reporting to the CATL director (one more IT-minded, one more traditional.)
   e. There will be faculty presence on the search committee.
   f. Feedback was sought from several sources, including external input.
   g. There are some DE funds that will be available for help with the transition.
   h. Position description coming out “soon.”
2. COVID (Alexander)
   a. Considering allowing 1-week transitions to alternative modality at the discretion of individual faculty members. Details to be worked out this week.
   b. Wants some kind of reporting system to protect university, faculty, and staff from people who might abuse the option.
   c. Details should be ready for review within a week.

Meeting adjourned at 4:04.

Respectfully submitted,

Devin Bickner