

University Committee
October 28

Present: Sheri Arendt, Devin Bickner, Guillermo Gomez, Mark Klemp, Jim Loebel, Susan Machuca, Jon Shelton, Heidi Sherman (notetaker), Alison Staudinger, Julie Wondergem (Chair)

Guests: Kate Burns, Lisa Grubisha, Holly Keener, Susan Gallagher-Lepak, Steve Meyer (SOFAS), Mary Kate Ontaneda

The meeting convened at 3:00 p.m.

Provost update:

- Covid update: Provost Burns reported that the administration is working on a Thanksgiving testing plan. Faculty and staff can also be tested after Thanksgiving. There may be a push to collaborate with the technical colleges to work with the testing piece. Technical colleges have not been doing antigen tests. For the covid dashboard, we haven't been able to keep track of faculty and staff testing yet, but are working on it.
- Still working for the final enrollment numbers (still trying to get the CCIHS numbers) and it looks like our enrollment numbers are up on all four campuses.
- Discussion of the developing workload policy and who would sign off on the reassignment if granted by a faculty committee, the deans, chairs or a combination? And can we really define this as a workload policy?

Susan Galagher-Lepack proposed a new major in Community Health Studies: a 120 credit degree with 65 credits for the major. Many of the credits are from courses that reside in other disciplines. There are also six new Community Health Education courses. This is a potential backup for pre-nursing students who are not admitted to the nursing program. Pre-nursing students tend to prefer applied programs like this one.

Lisa Grubisha proposed the Certificate in Applied Bio-Informatics. Has three new class. Sees potential interest from present students. It's a stand-alone certificate that anyone can earn without being in the master's program. And the collaborative master's program already has 90 students in its second semester and has really exceeded expectations.

Workload document: Alison and Jim will meet Monday to complete revisions and meet with Kate.

Working document on the tenure clock. Suggesting ways that the administration put in writing what the expectations are for the entire campus if things are waylaid because of covid since we don't want people to be penalized if that have a unit which fails to honor a more compassionate review policy.

SGA report by Guillermo Gomez:

The composer arrived; an ad hoc committee was created to discuss issues in classes and will be meeting with the Chancellor soon; a system wide meeting happened with discussions of policing on campuses.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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