Present:
Greg Davis 4 September 2013
Mimi Kubsch 3:00 PM, CL 750
Ryan Martin
Steven Meyer Previous Meeting
Christina Ortiz 1 May 2013
Bryan Vescio, chair
Kristy Aoki, Academic Staff Representative
Heba Mohammad, Student Government Association Representative

Guests: Provost Julia Wallace, Associate Provost Andrew Kersten, and SOFAS Cliff Abbott

1. Provost Wallace joined us at the beginning of the meeting for updates. She noted that fall enrollments were down by 280 students and that there was a significant financial impact due to this. Adult Degree enrollments are also down – but two new BAS articulation agreements will likely increase enrollments. The University is actively looking for new students via the purchase of ACT scores and the employment of new recruiters. The Provost spoke briefly about the three new Board of Regents members and her expectation that the Board will become micromanagers. On a more upbeat front, she then indicated that the silent phase of a capital campaign was well on the way to its $12 million goal; the AD search is well underway (and that she was on the committee); the Medical College is about to recruit its first class of students and there may be opportunities for our faculty to be involved. After congratulating Heba Mohammad on her appointment to the search for a new System President, the Provost took leave at approximately 3:30.

2. Minutes from the 1 May 2013 University Committee (UC) meeting were approved as distributed.

3. UC members had a short discussion on who would be nominated as Deputy Speaker of the Senate.

4. Chair Vescio noted that there was a bit of unfinished business with regard to the Resolution on Workload and Compensation. In particular, the Chancellor has yet to provide an answer to the Senate’s request for a faculty member to attend his Cabinet meetings. It was hoped that an answer would come during the upcoming Senate meeting.
5. Chair Vescio next outlined a proposed (busy) agenda for the UC to take on for the year. The two projects taking highest priority will be: a) the creation of a viable Research Center plan in place by end of year, and b) the reintroduction of an Administrative Review process. Other topics of concern will include: clarification of faculty governance rights for associate deans and similar positions; a policy on use and remuneration from self-published course material; clarification of the implications associated with F and WF grades; ethical issues associated with using students as subjects in assessment; and ways for the University to memorialize past employees.

6. A well written memorial resolution for Professor David Dolan, authored by Mike Draney was reviewed. The resolution will be presented at the upcoming Faculty Senate meeting.

7. At approximately 4:10 Associate Provost Andy Kersten joined the UC to discuss two topics. The first was the implementation of a course review policy that would regularly evaluate untaught courses for purpose of inactivation. It was agreed that the policy would be presented to the Senate. The second topic was the current state of preparedness of international students. Remediation policies had been put into effect a couple years ago and seem to be successful. The discussion ended at 4:25.

8. UC members then discussed possible faculty appointments to three committees: the Compensation and Workload Committee; the Chancellor’s Leadership Council; and the Chancellor’s Planning and Budget Council.

9. At 4:40 UC members, together with SOFAS Abbott, engaged in setting the 11 September Faculty Senate agenda. With this task completed –

10. The meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Respectively submitted,
Greg Davis, Secretary pro Tempore