Present:
Greg Davis         10 October 2012
Derek Jeffreys, chair 3:00 PM, CL 750
Mimi Kubsch
Ryan Martin
Steven Meyer         Previous Meeting
Bryan Vescio
Leif Nelson, Academic Staff Representative
Heba Mohammad, Student Government Association Representative

Guest: Kaoime Malloy

1. Minutes of September 26, 2012 University Committee meeting were approved as written.

2. Discussion of the Oct. 3, 2012 Faculty Senate meeting took place. Note was made that motions to approve the “University Scholars Honors Program” and “General Education Reform” both passed. Regarding the Flexible Degree, resolution #1 disapproving of the FD proposal passed (29-1-0) and Resolution #2 to appoint a representative to the Flexible Degree Committee also passed. Further discussion ensued about the FD proposal. Seems the general feeling is the Chancellor and Provost are in agreement with the principle of a FD program, but do not agree with the process or logistics of the plan. The Provost may be concerned about the FD program completing with the Adult Degree Program. Then the conversation drifted toward the adult degree program. There was a concern voiced about courses being the same quality as those taught on the traditional campus. It was suggested that a future agenda item be about the Adult Degree Program, specifically the Provost’s goals for Adult degree and also about the integrity of the program.

3. Kaoime Malloy, Chair of the Academic Affairs Council shared that the Registrar wants representation on the AAC, therefore the charge of the AAC may need to be revised. Amanda Hruska has been invited to attend the AAC meetings. Next, Kaoime brought up the topic of the definition of what a credit hour is. She read the federal definition and noted that “for every hour in class, two hours (minimum) must be spent outside of class”. Lastly Kaoime brought up the issue of inactive courses being listed in the catalogue. Inactive course should be removed from the catalogue.

4. More conversation about concerns about the Flexible Degree proposal took place. One of the concerns is the lack of the “university experience”. Bryan Vescio stated the “sometimes outcomes are unknown”. There is also a fear that general education will be competency based and that if so, this may be the demise of general education since for profit schools such as University of Phoenix do not have general education requirements.

Brian Sutton has agreed to serve as the representative to the Flexible Degree Committee that will meet on 10/26/2012. Brain will be invited to the next UC meeting (10/17/2012) so that he can hear the concerns the UC has about the FD program before he attends the 10/26 meeting.

5. Mimi Kubsch reported on the Committee on Workload and Compensation. Mimi noted that the charge of the committee needed to be revised to change the composition of the committee to
add representation of one person ex-officio from Classified Staff. Concern was expressed that
the reason Classified Staff were not included in the original charge is because they have union
representation. All agreed it was OK to revise the charge. Next a list of peer comparison schools
developed by Fox Lawson consultants was reviewed to see which universities or colleges should
be added or removed from the list. It was suggested that DeVry University-Downers Grove
Illinois be removed because it is a for profit institution. Global University MO was also
designated to be removed if it is the same as “Globe University”.

6. Next, concerns about the Phuture Phoenix were discussed. The issue involves UWGB students
who are excused absences from class to be tour guides. It was noted that this is disruptive and
too many absent at once affects the curriculum. It was mentioned that student tour guides get
credit for their involvement in the Phuture Phoenix program but should not be allowed to enroll
in two classes at the same time. Kim Desotell will be invited to come to a UC meeting to discuss
this issue.

7. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mimi Kubsch