To Be Approved
UIS Campus Senate Meeting
December 14, 2012

CAMPUS SENATE MEETING
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FRIDAY, November 30, 2012
10:00 A.M. – Noon
PAC CONFERENCE ROOM G


Ex-Officio: L. Pardie


The meeting was called to order by Chair Fisher at 10:03 A.M.

Approval of the Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda by McCaughan; Dell seconded. All were in favor of the motion.

Approval of Minutes
Motion to approve minutes from November 9 meeting by Dell and seconded by Switzer. After a clarification to line 225, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Announcements
Thompson announced that Dr. Sandy Mills, Professor Emeritus at UIS, passed away this past Tuesday evening. A celebration of her life will be held Saturday from 2:00 - 4:00 pm.

Salela reminded everyone that the UIS music showcase will be held Friday evening at 7:30 in the studio theatre.

Dell added to Thompson’s comments about Dr. Mills. She was an incredible colleague who did tremendous work for the State of Illinois. She was an active social worker who taught with a lot of energy and really cared about her students. She procured millions of dollars in the State of Illinois as she worked to secure more funding for child care. That is just one of many accomplishments of Dr. Mills. Kudos to Sandy.

Reports

Chair – L. Fisher
On November 15, the SEC received an update from the Provost on the task force she is assembling to rank proposals for new programs. The SEC also reviewed several PPC proposals that are upcoming. Today’s agenda was set to allow for two readings before the end of the semester on the transition of the HDC curriculum to 61 hours and the proposed revision to the University Statutes on the matter of
Academic Freedom. The final meeting of the semester is two weeks from today when we will have the second reading of the two aforementioned items as well as a report from D. Tim Barnet about some recent changes to financial aid packaging. The Chair reminded Senators of the clarification of procedures discussed at last meeting that have been put into practice in order to facilitate an unencumbered move through the agenda. Senators will have multiple opportunities to comment on and influence agenda items.

**Provost – L. Pardie**

Provost informed Senators that a core membership of ten people have been identified on the task force for new academic programs. An email has been sent out identifying the members. Over seventy ideas for new academic programs have been received. Proposals are currently being evaluated for areas of overlap and distinction. The Provost has drafted a charge for the task force and will meet with them within the next week or so. The task force will prioritize, as there are limited resources available to implement new programs. The Provost sees this as an on-going process where programs are phased in over time. The task force will communicate with the Senate as this process goes forward.

The Provost also provided an update on admissions and registration. Freshman registration for Fall of 2013 is looking good at this point. Applications and active deposits are both up. Spring transfer applications are up a bit, but admits are down by 4%. Graduate applications are up and admits are even relative to this same time last year. Registrations for the spring semester are lagging, and faculty are encouraged to assist students to enroll as soon as possible, as classes are cancelled earlier than in the past due to lack of enrollment.

Provost declined to speculate when asked if the BOT will implement a tuition increase and how much the increase might be. Boltuc said that as the chair of the budget committee of the USC he would speculate, and guessed that the increase will be between 1-2%.

**Student Government Association – R. Bouray**

The food vendor task force has submitted their report to SGA, which included the recommendation that a new eating location on campus be established that carries popular menu items from food chains. This would be operated by UIS food services. The rationale of the task force was that this would not be controversial and would include more variety for students. Specifics will be established closer to the design stage of the new Student Union.

Surveys are going out regarding the mascot and nickname for UIS. Current names are Prairie Stars and Cosmo. Bouray encouraged Senators to spread the word about the survey and take it themselves. The survey will be up for two weeks and is open to students, faculty and alumni. The SGA Governmental Affairs Committee met with the Governor, Lt Governor, and State Senator Altoff to discuss MAP grant funding. Two members of Student Government also attended IBHE Student Advisory Committee meeting at Eastern Illinois University the weekend before Thanksgiving break. Topics for the meeting were access and diversity, academic affairs, non-academic affairs, and advocacy. SGA has two resolutions on our next meeting agenda which include the topics of adding an international Student Senator, parking for east side campus housing, recommendations for Physical Education classes and a recommendation for increased emergency poles on campus.

**HDC Program Review**

Sharron LaFollette from Graduate Council said practically the entire faculty from HDC were present at Graduate Council meeting to discuss the program review, which is testament to the fact that this is a collaboratively run program, and all faculty have intimate knowledge and preparation in dealing with day to day operation of the program. This is an accredited program, and G.C. is concerned that faculty resources be maintained for accreditation. There is also concern that new accreditation requirements
requiring an increase from the current 50 hours for a Master’s Degree to 61 hours will be a further burden on the current faculty. The accreditation group would like to see a smaller student to faculty ratio. Also, this is an extremely assessment intensive program. Faculty have a tremendous workload in maintaining the day to day assessment of their students.

There was discussion of the high number of credit hours required relative to other institutional programs. Abler, HDC Department Chair, explained that everything the department does is driven by CACREP standards and that UIS HDC exceeds those standards. CACREP is linked to licensure boards in Illinois and around the country. It is the primary accreditation body for counseling programs. They have rigorous standards that HDC applauds and embraces. Thompson added that the Master’s degree is the terminal degree of competency for Professional Counselors so in order to ensure that graduates are prepared to deal with real life situations the large number of credit hours and training are necessary. The department offers one degree, which is Human Development Counseling, with three areas of specialization, and each of those areas is accredited. There was additional discussion about course load for faculty, and Abler emphasized that it is imperative that students be given ample preparation to deal with real clients with real pain. In response to questions about learning outcomes and job market, Abler said school counseling is the one area where the job market is tight, yet there has been an increase in students wanting that area of study. The department is encouraging those students to prepare for licensure as Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors to broaden their prospects for employment.

Old Business

Resolution 42-8, Proposed Revision to the Statutes and General Rules

There was a second reading of Resolution 42-8, Proposed Revision to the Statutes and General Rules. This is a change in the order of the title of Vice-President/Chancellor to Chancellor/Vice President. Dell moved to vote on the Resolution; R. Barnett seconded. The resolution passed with one nay vote.

New Business

Resolution 42-9, Transition of Human Development Counseling Curriculum to 61 Credit Hours

Resolution 42-9, Transition of Human Development Counseling curriculum to 61 credit hours, was given a first reading. LaFollette explained the need, for accreditation standards as well as licensure, for this change. The department is up for accreditation again in 2015, so this is a pressing need. Martin said that this is not a zero expense issue and suggested that the Senate should consider postponing action until after the revenue changes for next year are known. Pardie said this is a very high functioning program that represents the institution very well in the community. The additional hours will be a source of revenue, and the program is in a growth mode with increasing enrollment. Pardie advocated for passage of the resolution. Martin said that he understands the revenue component of the increased credit hours, but tuition and state support together do not always cover our per credit hour expense. He thanked Pardie for endorsing the idea. There was some discussion on what would happen if the department did not increase to 61 hours. Abler explained that HDC would lose CACREP accreditation, and graduates would not be able to get licensed. Dean Ermatinger said that the college probably has the resources to add an additional position. He also pointed out that his is a graduate program, which has a higher tuition rate per credit hour but also requires a lower student to faculty ratio. Fisher acknowledged that questions about cost are important in understanding the commitments we are making and how we move forward.

Resolution 42-10 Proposed Revision to the Statutes, Article X, Section 2 – Academic Freedom

Fisher said this is an item that has come over from last year that stems from a recommendation from the AAUP. In 2010, the UIUC Senate approved the proposed revisions to the statutes that we have in our resolution. UIC took it up in September of 2011 and passed it that year in the same form. It came to our Senate as a discussion item in December 2011. At the end of spring semester 2012, the SEC referred this
item to our Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure for review and comment. The committee’s memo raises questions about the definition of Academic Staff. The statutes make a distinction between Academic Staff and faculty. Faculty in the UI statutes refers only to tenured and tenure track faculty, and they are automatically accorded particular privileges within the University and its governance structure. Academic Staff is defined more broadly and includes the entire research and teaching staff of the University, including non-tenure track faculty, and also includes graduate students who may be working as teaching assistants or research assistants. The proposed revisions broaden the scope of academic freedom to include academic staff, as well as language that specifically includes international members, who do not have rights as citizens. AAUP has argued that freedom of speech within the realm of academic freedom does not depend on the constitutional freedom of speech afforded US citizens.

Kline expressed concern about unforeseen pitfalls of the revised language. He was especially concerned about lines 14 through 17, where freedoms granted to non-tenure track faculty may have negative legal ramifications for department chairs if the former have job status changes that are to their dislike. Kline questioned whether the language in lines 14 through 17 precluded department chairs from getting assistance from university counsel in matters of academic freedom. Martin said that historically, US courts have kept out of higher education decisions on the principle that higher education is different and polices its own. The AAUP’s efforts to broaden the definition of academic freedom would invite more intervention from the judicial process because we are not policing our own as much. Boltuc echoed the concerns of Kline and Martin, and expressed regret that no members of the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee were present to answer questions. He suggested a preamble to the resolution that would express our interpretation of academic freedom and the language within the document. He also said the document should address shared governance as well as academic freedom. Fisher said the issue of academic freedom is not only about keeping classrooms free from orthodoxy, but also applies to broader faculty interaction within the community about public issues of the day. Boltuc volunteered to be a part of a group to draft a potential preamble that might be included with the resolution. Fisher suggested an email exchange about drafting a preamble, and the SEC would be glad to help.

Adjournment

Kline moved to adjourn; Borland second; passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned 11:52 a.m.