ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Agenda
May 14, 2009
9:00 a.m. Brookens 204D

1) Call to Order
   b. Guests included Patti Simms, Deb Antoine, Kathy Dehen, Wes Weisenburn, and Ed Wojcicki

2) Approval of Agenda
   a. Lori 1st
   b. Natalie 2nd
   c. Motion passed

3) Approval of Minutes
   a. Barbara motioned to approve minutes from 4/9/09 with changes
   b. Dick 2nd
   c. Motion passed

4) Old Business
   a. AP Representation on Campus Senate
      i. Jerry stated that he and Barbara had a meeting with the Executive Committee of Campus Senate (Pat Langley, James Hall, and Lynn Fisher). Jerry stated that they provided information on the role of APAC and reminded them that APAC is advisory and not official like the Campus Senate to make policies. He also reminded them that there is still only one AP representative on Campus Senate.
      ii. Jerry continued that Pat recognized that APs are in academics and there are APs that teach classes. Jerry believes we had a sympathetic ear from them. Jerry also said that he recommended to them that APAC should have executive meetings between Campus Senate and APAC once or twice a year. Jerry and Barbara also talked to them about getting an AP on the Executive Committee of Campus Senate.
   b. APAC Districts (Committee)
      i. Natalie passed out two handouts and reported that she, Shawn, and Bryan met. Natalie went over the handouts and noted that Blue Bell was removed. They also changed CBM to WUIS and added Founders Hall to District 5. She also noted that the APAC list was possibly outdated. Natalie stated she was also working with Kim Hayden to update the AP list as some were no longer employed or deceased.
ii. Tammy wanted to know how new APs gets on the list?
iii. Patti Simms clarified that Patti Brown was sending new names to Kim Hayden.
iv. Shawn had some names but they were in fact clinical faculty.
v. Tammy suggested putting a note on the APAC website so APs can notify us if they are not included on emails etc.
vi. Barbara stated that maybe we should put the list up on the website?
vii. Natalie said their recommendation is to leave the districts as they are.
viii. A discussion ensued about District 1 being so large in comparison to other districts (population wise) with the number of APs.
ix. Jerry said his opinion was to stay the same due to having to change the bylaws.
x. A discussion about RICP employees, and APAC decided to add these APs to District 5.
xi. Jerry stated that hearing no objections, districts will remain the same.

xi. Jerry also decided to keep the committee “AP Membership Committee” and for it to meet once a year. Current membership on this committee includes Natalie, Bryan, and Shawn.

5) New Business

a. APAC Elections
i. An email will be sent out on May 28, 2008 notifying and soliciting candidates for next year’s vacancies.
ii. Bryan and Clay’s seats are coming up for elections.
iii. A discussion ensued and for now, we will not worry about who else’s terms are up.
iv. Jerry said he will send out an email in a couple of weeks about elections in June.
v. A discussion ensued about considering paper ballots elections held in the buildings that the seat is being contested.
vi. The new APs elected in June will be seated at the August meetings and will meet with the current APAC Executive Committee in July. Officer elections will be held in August.

b. Campus Dialogue
i. Jerry said he had meetings to start talking with and having more communication with others on campus. He was hoping that by the end of the month to have a meeting with the Campus Senate Executive and APAC Executive Committees. Jerry also spoke to Ed Wojcicki about having more formal and informal discussions on campus. Jerry hopes to also meet with
each Dean’s Cabinet once a year. Jerry states that he hopes to have more lines of dialogue around campus.

ii. Jerry said that at the Campus Senate Meeting there were perceived inappropriate behaviors by APs and people had to take sides. Lori and Jerry met with Pat Langley after the Senate Meeting to just have a conversation. Instead of talking about taking sides, the discussion was about the perceived inappropriate behaviors by APs at the Senate meeting.

iii. Tammy stated that APs came to her directly about a discrepancy in an email response by the Chancellor. The email seemed to contain a discrepancy as to the stance between APAC and Campus Senate. A discussion ensued.

iv. Jerry encouraged all of us to open up dialogue especially when we have difficult issues to deal with on campus.

v. Dick stated that it is important for people to get to know other people. He stated that by getting to know people better you could be more civil even when you disagree.

vi. Lori commented about the behaviors at the Campus Senate meeting, and she said it may be because of the under-representation of APs on Campus Senate.

vii. Bryan said that at the CSAC meeting there was discussion about dialogue on campus etc.; and that they (Civil Service) wanted to be a part of the discussions as well and be part of the shared governance.

6) Committee Updates
   a. CRC – Dick Schuldt
      i. No report
   b. Campus Senate – Lori Giordano
      i. Lori reported that there were three meetings in the last month. Two on April 17 and one on April 1.
      ii. Lori reported that mid-term grades for 100 and 200 level courses will now be required and optional for 300 and 400 level courses, the constitution was changed to allow 20 faculty on Campus Senate, three new concentrations in English passed, ESL grad certificate passed, and the rest of meeting was a discussion about the resolution.
      iii. Lori continued that the resolution changed into two resolutions. The first was calling for an investigation (without removing of Rodger) and the second was a no confidence vote for the Chancellor. Students had signed petitions and News Channel 20 was also present. Lori continued that it seemed to become an issue of students vs. faculty in many people’s mind, and that there was not enough time for Pat to call on everyone. The vote was 6-to-6 if campus senate should hold the resolution for the investigation for the 2nd reading, but Pat votes in tie
breakers. Pat voted for the resolution to be voted on in one reading.

iv. Lori continued that Jerry was able to make a statement at the meeting, and it was well received. Kathryn Eisenhart did apologize for the resolution. Students felt that they were being blamed about a bunch of things that have happened in the past especially with the fact of the 2004 resolution.

v. Lori stated that everyone voted in favor of an investigation, and that the vote for no confidence will be held over for the new senate.

vi. Then the new campus senate met later on April 17. They discussed the Conditional Admissions Policy 1st reading. They then discussed the no confidence vote, and they tabled the vote.

vii. Lori continued that on May 1, the new senate was seated. The Provost was optimistic about budget. The Board of Trustees will not be setting tuition at the May meeting but will set them at a special meeting in June. Lynn Price talked about pandemic planning, and there was a discussion on the Global Campus. The vote for Chair was Tih-Fen Ting 11 votes and 9 votes for James Hall. Lynn Fisher was the only person for Vice-Chair.

viii. Dick wanted to thank Jerry, Lori and Barbara for their work on the resolutions and even when they were changed for responding to represent AP views.

c. APAC Website – Clay Bellot
   i. No report

d. CSAC
   i. Kathy reminded that elections were taking place soon for CSAC.
   ii. Bobbie Fults is Interim President because Dave is retiring.
   iii. There was a discussion on the response to an email sent out by the Chancellor to the campus and there were concerns that perhaps APAC was taking sides.
   iv. CSAC was concerned that they were not supportive or unsupportive of the Chancellor.

e. CAPE – Barbara Cass
   i. The Award Ceremony was a wonderful time, and Kimberly Rutherford was the winner.
   ii. The 75 programs that were printed were all gone and at least 100 people were in attendance.

f. UPPAC – Barbara Cass
   i. Barbara Cass attended the video conference.
   ii. UIC reported that their APAC survey was completed. They also had elections, and eight new members were elected.
iii. UIUC reported that they are trying to add APs to their Senate, also that their APAC professional development funding was suspended but not reinstated unlike UIS funding.

iv. Barbara continued that several entities wrote to legislatures about the new Governor’s proposal to increase health care contributions and change benefits to retirees. We are going to develop a statement about the concerns we have.

v. The next meeting is scheduled for the end of July.

vi. Right now there is difficulty in updating UPAAC website.

7) Public Comments
   a. Email from Ed Wojcicki advising on modifications to evaluation process. There should be a response in August.
   b. Lenore Killam – (Research Board AP rep) – Research board had final meeting to discuss research awards.
   c. APAC Professional development Richard Chang training.
   Enrollments are 13 APs and 14 CS so far. Deadline is Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 11 AM.
   d. HR committee - There will be a team building event hopefully this fall.

8) Adjournment
   a. Barbara motioned to adjourn.
   b. Bryan 2nd
   c. Meeting adjourned at 10:58 AM.

Next meeting –June 11, 2009, 9:00 a.m. Brookens 204D