ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes
May 12, 2011
9:00 a.m. Brookens 204D

1) Call to Order
   a. J. Burkhart called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.
   b. Members present include Clay Bellot, Jerry Burkhart, Jeannie Capranica, Rose Schweikhart, Dick Schuldt, Shawn Shures, John Snyder, Natalie Taylor, Amanda Winters
   c. Guests include Beverly Bunch, Toni Langdon and Patti Sims

2) Approval of Agenda
   a. Motion to approve was made by Jeannie Capranica.
   b. The motion was seconded by Shawn Shures.
   c. Motion approved.

3) Old Business
   a. APAC elections- There 3 nominations/petitions for the 5 open positions: Dick Schuldt for District 5, Angie Harbison for at-large, and Raymond Barnett for District 3. Motion was made to approve these nominations by Natalie Taylor. Amanda Winters seconded the motion. For the 2 unfilled positions- the bylaws say that the chair will appoint individuals to fill the seats for one year. Then the next elections will be for two year terms. There have been 2 temporary appointments- both have agreed to these one year terms- the appointees are Teresa Szabo and Tom Ambrose. A motion to approve these nominations for a one year term was made by Dick Schuldt and seconded by Clay Bellot. These 5 new APAC representatives will be seated at the next meeting on June 9th.
   The next UPPAC meeting will be held the Tuesday after Memorial Day. The current officers will continue to serve for that meeting. There will be another meeting with UPPAC at the President Hogan’s house in August. Officer elections will occur for APAC at the next meeting.
   b. The CAPE award reception was well attended and Andy Egizi was awarded the honor. Barbara Cass would like to step down from being chair of this committee and from the professional development committee. These vacancies will need to be an order of business in the upcoming meetings. There will be a need for members and leadership for APAC committees in the upcoming months.

4) New Business
   a. University Wide Issues (UPPAC and APAC’s role)
   Many university wide issues have been brought before APAC and UPPAC this year. APAC should be thinking about what our role should be in these overarching university issues. UPPAC has improved tremendously, but
there is still some difficulty in creating a unified front on issues. Currently some legislation is pending in the legislature entitled the Public Washroom Act- which would take away civil service exemptions from universities.

There is also legislation pending that could cause retirement benefit changes. Currently there are three options for the possible retirement changes: pay in the same and get fewer benefits, pay more and get the same benefits, or move this year into a self-managed program. This legislation may not pass. There is a University-wide petition asking the legislature not to reduce benefits or change the cost to employees. The other two campuses have been more active on this issue because they represent a larger number of AP’s.

Dick noted that we should be more active on the public washroom act- this legislation that could take the civil service exemption away from the universities and give it to the civil service system. Amanda noted that we could send more information to our APAC members and come out in support of Champaign’s stand against the bill. These exemption decisions are best made at the campus level. We should do this quickly- because it will soon be too late. Jerry noted that we should run these issues by the chancellor before we sent out the materials. John noted that we could send out the information, but not endorse the petition. APAC approves of sending out the information to AP’s. CSAC has the information and Dick mentioned that the petition could be sent to Tih Fén to bring before the senate.

APAC is a representative body and we should make a stand on important issues. The exemption authority issue is one that makes sense to make a stand on- as there is virtual consensus. We could be more active on this issue and make statements that would go to the leadership. Dick had a draft for the possible resolution to agree with UIUC and the University leadership. After a resolution is approved- we would have to disseminate this information. We will check with the ethics office to make sure that we send out these messages appropriately about taking a stand and sharing information.

Jerry will send information to the chancellor’s office about the petition and the issues that we are discussing. It was noted that the other universities have more resources- but Clay noted that our small size can make us quicker and more responsive with information.

Dick will work on the resolution draft that can be sent out to all AP’s and then out to government officials. This should happen quickly. The APAC resolution can be approved of by email.

5) Committee Updates

a. Campus Senate – Dick Schuldt
There have been three meetings since the last APAC mtg. Two of the meetings happened in one day- the old outgoing senate and the newly seated committee. There was a discussion of possible changes in the faculty review process to allow direct knowledge of faculty to be included in the review process- but this proposal was voted down.

New Senate officers have been selected. Senate committees gave update reports including: planning and budget, assessment of student learning, UC, GEC, academic technology, diversity (ROAD), library, sustainability, personnel policy and athletics. The senate passed a resolution to have summit on the future of the University of Illinois- this summit would include AP reps. Chancellor also gave a presentation, stating that there will probably be budget reductions.

There were a variety of curricular changes and modifications to admissions related criteria (mainly dealing with international student admissions)

Minutes from these meetings can be found at this link:

http://www.uis.edu/campussenate/docs/prior.html

Update on the resolution for senate alternate representation. Dick handed out a draft for review. This draft will also be sent to CSAC for their input. The draft will be sent out electronically to the APAC members. This will be ready for an early Fall Senate meeting. It would be a good idea if AP’s were able to attend the Senate meeting in which this issue is raised. Any suggestions for changes to the draft should be sent to Dick.

b. The Compensation Review Committee (CRC)

The next CRC meeting will be next Thursday. Dick wrote a draft of a letter to accompany the exit survey. He will send it out in electronic format to APAC for their review. Send any suggestions for changes to Tammy.

c. APAC Website – Clay Bellot

Jerry noted that the election dates need to be updated on the website. Elections in May and seating of new members in June.

Motion to amend the website made by Dick Schuldt and seconded by Amanda Winters.

d. CSAC – Toni Langdon

Toni reported $2061.97 was raised for the staff scholarship auction. There are 8 open spots on CSAC and their elections are next week. Summer flex hours were given to supervisors to handle, but the information about these hours have not been disseminated. Each individual’s supervisor must approve of any schedule changes.

6) Additional Comments:
Thanks to Lori, Rose, Shawn and Natalie for their service in APAC.

There is $250 still left for this year’s budget. In previous years we have used this money to host some trainings or speakers. Perhaps in the future it would be good to have a committee that would look at planning events to use this money. Ideas for this could also be gained from the professional development committee.

Jeannie noted that Freshman seminar proposal options are open to staff as well as faculty. AP’s should be encouraged to put in proposals for these possibilities.

7) Adjournment
   a. Motioned to adjourn by Clay Bellot
   b. Jeannie Capranica seconded.
   c. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Next meeting – June 9, 2011, 9:00 a.m. Brookens 204D