

Executive Committee Meeting Notes

February 8, 2019

Present: A Workman, A Updike, L D'Amore, S Bosco, J. Scurry, J Williams, G. Bianco, R Cole

Progress on replacements for Instructional Design, Faculty Development, and Study Abroad:

Study Abroad job description being written now; in the meantime, a call will be made to Faculty for a faculty liaison who will work with other faculty on new or renewal proposals – get people where they need to be for short term by end of semester – sometime between now and May (full time hire for summer).

Waiting for new President to move forward on other staffing.

J Williams: Provided a detailed update on the University's move from Wells Fargo to US Bank. The RFP was answered by 9-10 national banks.

Workman: We can announce the details to Faculty Senate in March, and the campus thereafter

Update from R. Cole about the alternate curricular pathways process for University College:

NECHE does not consider it a material change, and it was similar to what they saw at other institutions.

Our accreditors are comfortable that this meets the obligation for curricular oversight, and they often see parallel structures.

Provided a curriculum process document (which will be shared at 3/6 Faculty Senate meeting)

Curriculum that is unique to UC will go to Program Director, Curriculum Committee, and then the Dean for review – through curricular process, all curriculum will be reviewed, and vetted, and voted on, and then will go to the Provost for approval

Any curriculum that crosses Bristol will go through both – UC and FSCC

Examples:

Composition courses will go through both processes

Paralegal would only go through UC

If a program appears to have overlap, there will be caution and double process or conversations will happen between Deans

XCCC (Cross-Campus Curriculum Committee) will be a bridge committee that will review any points of intersection in the curriculum

They will hold a Cross Campus committee meeting at least once per semester

University College uses Curriculog also, so people on both campuses will see these proposals.

A department concern could be brought to the cross-campus committee (XCCC) to review matter

D'Amore: There aren't many full time faculty... 4-5? Isn't this a lot of work for them?

Scurry: Program Directors aren't necessarily full time faculty – but do have terminal degrees

Chairs of Curriculum Committees have to be tenured –

They are concerned with deep academic knowledge and have PhDs – always a team of people who work on curriculum

Senator Bosco Update:

Reviewed curriculum proposals that passed, and the one hold in Comp Sci/Web Dev

Resolution to commend Scott Yonan – we wanted a public acknowledgement of his work

Withdrew commencement motion because University Life is going to work with John King

The next Faculty Happy Hour will be organized by the Faculty Development Committee

Office of Provost will co-sponsor, but would like to be more fully acknowledged in the invite

President Bosco asked for clarification of \$50,000 gaming room that is being built, while Intercultural Center remains untouched.

Workman: The Intercultural Center will cost \$700K-\$1M; and there is a question about where to move it. Old ELS and Farmhouse have been ideas posed, but nothing has been quite the right answer yet.

The plan for the moment is to upgrade the current IC, then engage in the Master planning process – looks at what we really need, host special sessions on creating an inclusive physical and cultural campus

Student Center is 5-7 years out still

The Gaming Center takes an existing room in Athletics, and uses \$50,000 from CapEx

These funds will upgrade the AV in the robing room – during day used for review of sports, and in the evening it can be used by e-sports – space for teams to gather and talk. The costs are for hardware and the wiring. This will be used for co-ed E-sports, which will be a recruiting tool.

E-sports is a club now – will be a club sport next year

IC – We are looking into a more efficient use of space – some cap-ex money may go to the IC for that purpose next year.

They have \$15 M in cap-ex requests, and a \$5.5 M cap-ex budget, which needs to cover a wide array of things such as computers, boilers, dorm renovations, health and safety upgrades, telescopes and microscopes, sprinkler system in ENG, hurricane proof glass in the law school...

Updike: Has there been any progress on the conversation about untangling lab fees?

Workman: Most fees will be part of tuition beginning with the incoming class. But we are still working on lab fees.

Bosco: Mark Leonetti and Jocelynn Rego were trying to pull apart lab expenses to match them to the courses that they are brought in by. But

This year there are separate accounts for each course to track expenses; in the past lab fees went into a general fund . There will be reporting for this fiscal year.

Cole: Some labs cost a lot and some don't, so overall – what are we spending on the lab experience?

Respectfully submitted,
Faculty Senate Executive Committee