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Time: 3:15 p.m.

Place: Hulman Memorial Student Union 227

Present: Chairperson S. Lamb, Vice Chair V. Sheets, Secretary Sr. A. Anderson

V. Anderson, B. Frank, C. Hoffman, J. Hughes, S. Shure

Ex-Officio: J. Maynard

I. Administrative Report

Provost Maynard reported:

1) Enrollment: admits and confirmed continue to increase; aggressive efforts continue to increase the enrollment; on-line confirmation is available to students;

2) promotion and tenure cycle has been completed; calendar timeline was a challenge; adjustments needed to better accommodate scheduling of meetings for incongruous decisions working within *Handbook* date guidelines---current year applications contained thirty incongruent decisions;

3) Laptop scholarship recipients: 1,400 qualified, 500 have confirmed, May 1st is the deadline;

4) Presidential scholarship: 17 offers, best acceptance ratio on record—15 accepts;

5) Academic calendar 2008-2009 is under construction by administration; must also go to the AAC for consideration;

6) UFS approved *Handbook* language for department chairs is under review by the President.

II. Chair Report

Chair Lamb:

“Admittance applications are at 5,421, 98% of what they were last year. Admits are at 3,713, 107% of what they were last year. And confirmations are at 1,024, 89% of what they were last year. They continue to improve.

Arthur Halpern has expressed concern that the Executive Committee has not received the AAC's request to form an ad hoc committee to investigate the comments and implications of the EMG Report of May 27, 2005. I would like to share his comments with you under old business, and discuss where we might go from here.

Also, under old business, I would like to discuss the Provost’s intention to make the General Education Coordinator a half-time position.

One last item; the following has come from analysis that AAC is doing:

Since we started keeping track of EAP positions in 1995, the number of EAP has grown from 302, to 355, an increase of 18%; the number of tenured or tenured track faculty has declined from 535 to 441, a decrease of 18%. The gradual growth of the EAP group (including temporary and auxiliary services), except for 2000, has been ever upward. The decrease of tenured/tenure-track faculty has been essentially ever downward.

The author of this information states, ‘How many more faculty can we lose, how many related academic programs can we cut, before we won't have the faculty and program diversity to raise the resources we need to continue to grow the EAP?’ An interesting perspective.”

III. Fifteen Minute Open Discussion

1) In response to inquiry, Provost Maynard said this year’s promotion and tenure process resulted in five appeals.

2) Last year’s enrollment was the worst of recent record; numbers this year are even lower, but are improving.

3) Encouragement for the Enrollment Taskforce to continue beyond this year as an established all University committee; Provost Maynard concurred.

IV. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the March 21, 2006 meeting were approved. (Hoffman, Frank 8-0-0)

V. Old Business

Discussed an Administrative Affairs Committee member’s e-mail asking that a committee be convened to review the “Awareness Survey Report” prepared by EMG.

By consensus, moved to recommend the constitution of an advisory group to work with the Director of Marketing. This group should include faculty, administrators, and students.

Provost Maynard concurred that this group would be beneficial to the University’s marketing effort.

By consensus, a charge will be sent to the appropriate standing committee, “Investigate how the campus could better academically challenge our students; remedy an existing negative perception of classroom rigors.”

VI. New Business

1) AAC response to charge, “In keeping with the AAC’s recommendation of March 17, 2004, review the effectiveness of the approved organizational structure of the Center for Public Service and Community Engagement in carrying out its mission of benefiting the University, especially students.”

Accepted. (Hoffman, V. Anderson 7-0-0)

At the Committee’s instruction, a copy of the AAC response will be forwarded to the Director of the Center.

Future funding of the Center after current Lilly support ends is of concern. Provost Maynard indicated the Capital Campaign has targeted funds for this type of initiative.

2) General Education Coordinator Position

Provost Maynard discussed the position’s time demands. Further discussion to occur at next week’s meeting. A copy of the “General Education Locus of Control” approved by the Faculty Senate will be provided for reference.

VIII. Motion to move into executive session. (Frank, A. Anderson 7-0-0)

Motion to move out of executive session. (Hoffman, A. Anderson 7-0-0)

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.