

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION COUNCIL

November 27, 2006

12 noon – 1:30 p.m.

533E DeGarmo Hall

Unapproved

Present: K. Clesson, B. Conant, D. Curtis, D. Dean, K. Fansler, G. O'Malley, L. Lyman, J. Pacha, B. Smith, E. Watts,

Absent: M. Angell, A. Bohn, C. Barr, G. Peterson-Karlan, D. Sheldon S. Thetard, C. Toledo

Guests: P. Borg, J. Rosenthal, J. Shane

CALL TO ORDER

B. Smith called the meeting to order at 12:07.

COMMENTS

B. Smith asked the council members to introduce themselves to the guests. P. Borg introduced himself and J. Rosenthal and J. Shane.

MINUTES

B. Smith asked members to review the minutes. She asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 23, 2006, meeting. J. Pacha moved to approve the minutes. G. O'Malley seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with no corrections and no abstentions.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Plus and minus grading: P. Borg explained to council members that this was first introduced six years ago in the Academic Affairs Committee of the Academic Senate but the proposal was never brought before the full Senate. The committee is now asking for input from college curriculum committees and councils. He stated that this has become a trend in the last 20 to 30 years. D. Curtis asked if other public institutions in Illinois were using this system, and J. Rosenthal stated that the University of Illinois had adopted it in the last few years. He stated that it helps distinguish grades within classes, but that studies have shown that there is a 6/100 average difference between GPAs when the plus and minus system is used and when it isn't. Questions were asked and answered, and J. Shane urged members to email P. Borg with recommendations. The guests were excused. A discussion was held, and it was decided that B. Smith will send out a memo to departmental chairs asking for their input on the subject.

Sesquicentennial Event planning: B. Smith stated the committee has met a few times, and that they have been working with both CTE and the University Events planning committee to coordinate the sesquicentennial events. They have a calendar of events, and the committee will be meeting with D. Curtis on December 8 to present it to her.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Faculty recruitment retention study: B. Smith stated that the committee has met twice and have been studying a potential survey. This survey will ultimately be given to K. Fansler who will upload it.

Committee Structure study: J. Pacha told council members that the committee has met and drafted a memo which will be sent to chairs of college committees asking them for input on five or six questions which include whether elections should be held earlier and whether or not the committees were functioning according to the bylaws. They are asking for the committee reports to be turned in by January 16 so that a report can be made to the council in February.

ACTION ITEMS

None

DEAN'S REPORT

D. Curtis told members that CAS Professor Curt White sits on an IBHE committee and is submitting a report to them on December 5 which will recommend severe changes in Teacher Education. He proposes to shift TE to a four-year baccalaureate degree in a major with the fifth year for the teacher education component—much as it is done in Ohio, for example.

D. Curtis informed the council that it is time to address and develop the 2007-2012 five-year plan. She stated she would send electronically to members the current plan and asked B. Smith to appoint an ad hoc committee to work with her this Spring to develop it.

ADJOURNMENT

K. Clesson moved for adjournment. J. Pacha seconded the motion. The motion passed with no abstentions, and the meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

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