Academic Planning Council - Minutes

September 26, 2012 4:00 PM

MPSC – Computer Conference Room

1. Masoom volunteered to take minutes
2. Introductions/Attendance:
   Laura Anderson, Dan Avenarius, Mark Evenson, Mittie Nimocks Den Herder, Kris Mahoney, Abulkhair Masoom, Denise McNamara, Mark Meyers, Regina Pauly, Lisa Riedle, Raymond Spoto, Jessica Symons (student senate), Jason Thrun, and Tim Zauche.
3. Election of Chair for the Academic Year
   There were two nominations - Riedle and Thrun were voted unanimously to co-chair the council for the academic year.
4. Minutes of September 14, 2012 meeting were approved.
5. Provost Mittie Nimocks Den Herder distributed and spoke about the booklet ‘Smart Growth: Running the Academy by the Numbers’ published by the Education Advisory Board.
6. UW System New Program Approval and Review Process:
   Zauche looked at the current procedures and identified what changes needing to be made since he recently went through the process for the SRES major. He brought a draft and summarized the procedure and changes for the group. System changes will not have major effects on the local process. More discussion followed. Zauche will post the updated version of the proposed document on S:\ drive with track changes. Following final approval here this will be put on the faculty senate meeting agenda.
7. At around 4:25 p.m. the Chancellor, academic Deans Hudson, Weber and Wein, and a few others joined the meeting in progress. The focus of the discussion was the possible change in the dynamics of interaction between this group and the senior administration team, co-ordination between this group and UABC, and APC’s charge for the year and beyond.
   Further discussion included:
   a. Possible new ways of reviewing programs (in conjunction with teams like the Accountability Team that will have overall picture with data) that will justify reallocation of resources by moving them across boundaries of academic and non-academic units.
   b. Propose an entirely different body - an overarching committee to capture academic and non-academic units. Ad-hoc Accountability Team may recommend keeping APC as is,
formulate a new committee, and potentially discontinue committees with duplicate responsibilities.

c. APC reviews on a 3-yr rotation vs. shorter time-line. With the proposed dash boards APC should be able to continue the review processes more efficiently.

d. Chancellor Shields felt that individuals with expertise in financial issues need to be working on a committee like APC. He added that with finite resources we will have to make some hard choices, and APC under the new strategic plan could play a very important role in making those decisions.

e. Discussion continued on the direction, focus and the future of APC and the Accountability Team.

8. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.