

COSS Faculty Council  
8/31/2015, 10AM  
Pafford 111

Call to Order 10:00am

In attendance: Amber Smallwood, Greg Dixon, Ashley Smallwood, Winston Tripp, Patrick Hadley, Paul Rutledge, Anthony Fleming

Old Business:

- Review of the new membership of Council – introductions
- Survey of priorities for the year
  - Strategic plan as top priority for the Fall and P&P/Bylaws updates for Spring.
  - Dixon reviewed the proposed timetable for Strategic Plan and organization of the process in order to complete the Plan by the end of the Fall 2015 semester. The Dean has requested that Dixon lead the committee and be responsible for the process. The Administrative Council selected David Jenks (Criminology) to be their representative.
  - Short discussion of the need to encourage the development of staff infrastructure in the College, especially for rapidly growing departments. Staff are becoming increasingly stretched as the College grows.
  - Discussion of whether or not P&P and Bylaws needed to be in two separate documents or whether merging them into one would not be a better way to go. Decision on that tabled until Spring.

New Business:

- Set Faculty Council meeting dates for the semester:
  - 9/25, 10/30, 12/4 – 10am
- Selection of Faculty Council Representatives to Strategic Plan Committee:
  - In order to achieve maximum balance in representation representatives were selected that did not come from Political Science or Criminology (Dixon's and Jenks's departments.) Smallwood, Hadley, and Tripp volunteered to fill the three seats.
- Strategic Plan Committee Membership:
  - Greg Dixon (Chair)
  - Patrick Hadley
  - David Jenks
  - Ashley Smallwood
  - Winston Tripp
- Work-Life Balance Committee (WLBC)
  - Concern was expressed regarding low participation on committee and potential that members would be required to take on undue burden of work. Call for broader participation from across the College to both ensure widespread input and a reasonable workload for committee members.

- Reiterated that WLBC is a serious enterprise in response to Engage West and that input from the broader community is vital to make sure that the problems identified in the survey can be effectively addressed.
- Concerns raised about the potential problems of a centralized scheduling office on campus. General perception that classroom assignment makes sense, but a central office setting teaching days and times would raise significant concerns among faculty. Associate Dean Smallwood updated the FC to note that all current plans involve only classroom assignments. There are no plans at present to centralize day and time schedules.
- Several departments are proposing additions to the CORE for the coming year.
  - POLS – Global Issues course (POLS2401) for addition to the B-2 Area of the CORE
  - ANTH – a Physical Anthropology course to be numbered later for Area D
  - Potential other additions may also be coming.
- To ensure smooth implementation of these programs it was decided that sharing of information would be important. CORE additions serve the UWG Strategic Plan and are a good thing for the College, but care needs to be taken in order to ensure that these are added in a sustainable way that fits the strategic plans of the College and UWG as well as the departments.
  - Strong support was voiced for an ANTH Physical Anthropology course in Area D

Course Modifications

Program Modifications