

Minutes

Meeting of the Faculty Senate Strategic Planning Committee (FSSPC)

Wednesday, Sept 28, 2011, 8:15 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 a.m.

Present: Cox, Gerhardt, Loyd, Goodson, MacComb, Ishoy, Anderson, Kolajo, Sanders

1. Last month's minutes were passed out.
2. Announcement that the committee's documentation could be accessed on Dropbox.
3. The charge of evaluating the University's mission and vision was discussed. Questions emerged regarding this charge, i.e. uncertainty with regard to past foci in missions and visions. The point was made that a key task in formulating a mission and strategy is to do so in a way that implementation and evaluation are possible. This being particularly important for SACS evaluation.
4. It was agreed that it would be a good idea to have separate discussions with President Sethna and then the Vice Presidents regarding their priorities in a mission/vision statement.
5. A question was put forward regarding the use of the FSSPC in addressing issues of "sustainability on campus". It was agreed that depending on the action (student fees for solar energy, community garden, etc) either the FSSPC or the Facilities and Services Committee could take charge.
6. Kolajo offered a powerpoint presentation on the UWG Strategic Plan 2010-2015 (check Dropbox). Four principles and twelve goals were expounded, and quantified. Among the more disconcerting findings were a) graduate enrollment is down (goal 3), b) compensation for retention has been isolated (goal 6), projected future undergrad enrollment will have to be reduced (goal 8). Some pointed to the failure in achieving Principle IV: fund raising and communicating "our story".
7. FSSPC has been informally requested by the administration to offer feedback to the strategic plan.
8. It was asked whether undergraduate RPG should be included in the plan. Questions followed regarding enrollment criteria – enrollment vs. graduation. The committee was informed that applicants scoring too low on SAT scores, and subsequently failing compass tests will no longer be permitted to enroll. This via the USG.

9. It was emphasized that the subcommittee dealing with QEP needs to get to work. They must have a draft ready for Senate in December. The subcommittee will divide up to tackle various sections.
10. SACS compliance certificate process and timeline were briefly discussed.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.