

University Coordinating Council
April 30, 2014
Spring Semester, Meeting #9
Approval 10/7/2014

Attendees: Dan Eaton, Jeni Eltink, John Hamlin, Kimberly Newton, Andrea Schokker, Jennifer Schultz, Janelle Wilson

Absent: Chancellor Black, Ross Cody Burns

Dan Eaton, Chair, opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. The meeting minutes of April 18, 2014, were approved as written.

Information Sharing – Respective Committee Activity

Teaching & Learning Subcommittee – Carmen, Co-chair

The T&L discussed the issue of credit for nontraditional learning also known as credit for life experience. Jerry Pepper stated that UMD currently offers credit for non-classroom; he was charged to write up a procedural document for credit for life experience. As written the T&L did not approve and suggested revisions (fees returned or not returned, no more than 30 credits, no more than ½ of a program). The revised procedure was voted on and approved by the T&L Subcommittee. Follow up questions include what is the next step and when and where is the fee assigned. Jerry suggested the T&L review at the next academic year. John will send the revised procedure to faculty for discussion. Andrea stated that although some of the requirements on the procedure are currently being implemented the complete procedure will not take place until committees have had the opportunity to review.

Strategic Planning & Budget Committee – Jennifer Schultz, Chair

The Strategic Planning & Budget meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2014.

Faculty Council – John Hamlin, Chair

Jerry Pepper attended a Faculty Assembly meeting to discuss the Undergraduate Transfer Credit Policy. The Assembly was not supportive of the policy and requested additional time to gather information. Andrea stated there are consequences by not adopting the policy such as the institution may not appear on the list of institutions accepting transfer credits (Transferology). Andrea attended the Faculty Assembly meeting prepared to discuss the policy and answer questions. Some concerns include what courses should be allowed and how quickly can the credits be assessed and what happens to those institutions that take all transfer credits.

Andrea again stated that she is available to attend faculty meetings for further explanation and clarification on academic issues.

It was noted that the governance system is good, but there are many bugs that need to be worked out (i.e. issues pushed through without discussion, too much lag time).

Athletic Committee – Dan Eaton, chair

An independent audit of Athletic business was completed. It was noted the Athletic Director and Athletics Committee Chair need to create an effective working relationship. The auditor did a great job in providing the Athletic Committee with a direction and focus.

Staff Council – Jeni Eltink, chair

The Staff Council is scheduled to meet May 1, 2014.

Student Association – Kimberly Newton, chair

Kimberly met with Vice Chancellor Lisa Erwin and discussed the student communication process concerning programs, safety, academic advising, forums, etc. Students want to be kept informed and more aware of what is happening on campus. The Student Bereavement Policy passed in Student Congress and Jacob Froelich (SA President) will move forward with policy in the fall. The current Excused Absence Policy does not state specifics concerning a leave and the leave decision is up to the professor and the student. Kimberly will send the Student Bereavement Policy to John Hamlin and Carmen Latterell for distribution to constituents.

Student Educational Experiences (SEE) – Ross Cody Burns, chair

Ross was absent from the meeting due to illness. No report.

Alcohol Philosophy Update – Jeni Eltink

At a previous UCC meeting it was recommended the alcohol philosophy draft be shared with respective committees, subcommittees, and councils for review and feedback to be discussed at the April 30, 2014, UCC meeting. Committee members indicated the alcohol philosophy was fine although it should be an actual policy. At least with a philosophy/policy the campus community can have productive conversations. The reality of drinking needs to be addressed seriously by educating people on irresponsible drinking. The UMD Chemical and Health Advisory Committee made minor changes to the philosophy.

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The UCC excluding student representatives was invited to meet with the Regents during their visit to campus. If the UCC was invited, all representatives should be included. After discussion about the process used to schedule the meetings and who is invited to attend Andrea stated the students are welcome to attend the UCC meeting. One of three Strategic Planning & Budget Committee staff representatives was invited to meet with the Regents. All staff should be afforded the opportunity to attend the meeting rather than one representative being chosen. Jeni Eltink will email Lucy Kragness to inquire about the scheduling process and carbon copy Chancellor Black and Executive Vice Chancellor Andrea.

New Business

Dan Eaton requested each representative review the governance process as utilized by respective committees and email Dan with comments and suggestions.

Constitution Bylaw Feedback

Three suggested revisions/comments were received for the Constitution Bylaw document: 1) faculty should be defined as more than 35% of appointment not 35% or more; 2) were other committees involved in drafting changes to the document; and 3) communication structure among the committees and subcommittees needs to be more refined. The faculty revision was made in the document and the remaining concerns were responded to via email.

The Student Board of Directors need to be included in the Constitution Bylaw document voting process.

Adjourned