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Thursday, November 3, 2011 - 4:00 p.m.

Academic Forum 203

PRESENT: A. Arnold, A. Awadallah, G. Bamberger, L. Barish, C. Bloh, N. Butler, E. Christian, J. C. Hamilton (Vice President), J. Delle, P. Dewey, , S. Fernando, P. Ferreira (for J. Lizza), R. Fliszar, M. Freed, J. Gehringer, J. Givler (for Y. Kim), R. Grapsy, H. Hamlet, E. Hanna, D. Immel, L. Irving, J. Jackson, D. Johnson (President), L. Lantaff (for K. Gardi), J. Lashoski, M. Le Bosse, S. Lem, K. Logan, M. Mahosky, S. Mangold (Secretary), T. Maskulka, K. McCloskey, C. Nordlund, S. Pham, P. Reed, C. Rutherford, C. Sacchi, G. Schaper, J. Schlegel, M. Sims, R. Smith, K. Steward (for C. Vargas), P. Walsh-Coates, A. Walz, G. Zelleke

ABSENT: R. Gross, C. Watson

GUESTS ATTENDING: L. Frye, N. Hawxhurst, P. Keldsen, M. Regensburger, C. Roche, D. Slack, B. Zigner

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.
- II. **Announcements**
 - K. Steward is representing the Provost for the meeting. President Cevallos is at Millersville and unable to attend.
 - Reminder that minor corrections, such as typos, should be given to S. Mangold.
- III. **Approval of the Agenda**
 - There were no objections to the agenda as presented. Agenda approved.
- IV. **Approval of the Minutes from September 1, 2011**
 - There were no corrections to the minutes of the October 4, 2011 meeting. Minutes approved.
- V. **President, Committee and Task Force Reports**
 - A. **Senate President's Report – D. Johnson**
 - a. Regarding abstentions: Although Roberts Rules specifies abstentions are asked for in roll-call votes, any senator wishing to be recorded as an abstention should notify S. Mangold.
 - b. Constructive Dialogue on Advisement. The online form to address larger issues with PeopleSoft to the ATC will go live tomorrow and can be accessed through “My KU Information.” There are many custom reports that can be run through PeopleSoft that will

help faculty. It was noted that some students may not have transcripts listed because there were problems with the conversion from Legacy to PeopleSoft, but their courses will still be available through “Course History.” There is also a way to pull up a list of courses that satisfy a competency, and a list of competencies for spring is available online. It was noted that departments should not rely on English courses to satisfy all writing competencies. Not all courses are required to have competencies, but all sections of courses selected for competencies will be used to satisfy the particular competency. In light of this, departments were encouraged to be thoughtful about the courses selected for competencies because the course capacities will not be adjusted for writing intensive courses. At this point, courses identified as competency courses that are taken at another institution will transfer as a course, but not a competency. Senate and APSCUF have been invited to a follow-up meeting with the Provost to discuss competencies that will go into effect in the spring; concerns expressed by senators will be raised at that meeting.

G. Bamberger noted that athletes were not set up as a group identified as qualifying for conflict avoidance registration. Advisors must look at athletes individually to determine whether they are eligible for early registration. Athletics is working with the Provost to rectify this issue.

L. Frye reported that 17 PeopleSoft issues have been identified to date. All have been addressed; some have been completed, while others are pending because more information is needed. A subgroup of the ATC has been established to look at these issues from a faculty perspective. Regarding questions about how to notify groups of students, L. Frye indicated that the distribution lists for majors were not working until recently and now should work. Custom lists that are not showing can be requested through the Help Desk. She also responded to problems with pasting email addresses into a distribution list. She will raise the issue at ATC, but suggested that the problem can be solved by configuring Outlook to accept commas as separators between addresses.

Bo Zigner was introduced as another resource for PeopleSoft questions.

B. Committee on Committees Report – J. Cohen Hamilton

- a. J. C. Hamilton made a motion from COC that the vacancy left by one of the co-chairs of the Enrollment Management Committee be filled by a Senate floor representative. No objections were raised; motion passed. Eileen Hogan and Gil Clary will convene a meeting, at which a new chair will be determined. S. Mangold was approved by acclamation to serve as the Senate floor representative.
- b. A report was submitted for recent election results, appointments, and student representatives (attached). Senators were encouraged to contact J. C. Hamilton if they are able to fill any of the openings remaining on committees. Student representatives to committees are still needed; new student representatives to Senate were introduced and welcomed.
- c. Letters were sent out to all committee members and the chairs of committees regarding membership and the need to convene meetings.
- d. M. Regensburger spoke as a chair of the Student Media Advisory Board, which serves as a forum for campus media associations. The Board recently revised the constitution and is

submitting it for approval. The COC is recommending the approval of the revised constitution as presented. There were no objections. Motion passed.

- e. Two motions were presented out of the Academic Standards & Policies Committee and recommended by the COC. The first would allow professors to keep a grade in progress for theses, rather than have it turn to an F past the grade deadline. The COC changed the wording slightly to clarify the policy. There were no objections to the policy with the correct wording. Motion passed. The second motion moved by the COC was to approve that all policies include an effective date. There were no objections; motion passed.

C. Comments from the Student Governance Board – P. Keldsen, President

The SGB is currently working filling student vacancies on committees. KUnited, an online program for student organizations, will put the process online, making it easier to get students involved. SGB has recently launched its new website, KUSGB.com, which has contact information and descriptions of SGB positions and functions.

D. Campus Climate Taskforce – M. Sanelli

- a. M. Sanelli shared her disappointment and frustration that the IRB has not released the climate survey data due to small numbers of subjects in some parts of the data making specific individuals possibly identifiable. She called for Senate to encourage the IRB to release the data for use by the university community. She shared that some useful data from the report included: 1) a disproportionately large number of responses from women and persons of color regarding sexual assaults, and 2) many students indicated paying for college with credit cards. D. Johnson disagreed with some of M. Sanelli's statements, stating that the IRB restriction concerned only two of 127 slides. He stated that the other slides have been presented to the Council of Trustees, will be presented at the upcoming Managers' Retreat, and could have been presented to senate had efforts to communicate been made. He also stated that there were not statistically significant differences in race and gender with respect to sexual assaults, and added that anecdotal information suggests students are paying for college with credit cards to accumulate points and pay it back when their loans come through. M. Sanelli cited information from the climate report to demonstrate group differences in sexual assault data. She clarified her frustration with the Taskforce being road-blocked by the IRB. D. Johnson responded with a request for the Taskforce to meet to discuss these issues and arrive at a plan for using the data. He noted that the Taskforce hasn't met since the report was released. M. Sanelli responded that the Taskforce met in September, but has not met since as the data has been 'impounded' by the IRB. After ending her report and leaving the meeting, G. Zelleke raised concerns about the information not being shared. J. Delle stated his opinion that the information has not been hidden, but rather has been widely shared. He indicated that the Strategic Planning Taskforce is aware of the issues raised by the data, and that attempts have already been made to address such issues as recruitment and retention of faculty and staff from underrepresented groups. D. Johnson encouraged senators who feel strongly about this issue to serve on the proposed Social Equity, Campus

Climate, and Inclusion Committees. He suggested that one of the first action items for the Institutional Climate Taskforce be to establish a permanent Campus Climate Committee. D. Johnson reiterated that results of the climate survey have been presented in full. He expressed appreciation for M. Sanelli's passion on the subject and for spearheading and implementing the project. He apologized for any offense that might have been taken.

E. Comments from President Cevallos' Office – K. Steward

No comments.

VI. Old Business

A. Clarification Statement on General Education

The clarification statement of the new General Education Guidelines was presented for approval. A. Walz noted that the vote is not necessary because it is already existing policy. D. Johnson noted that its purpose is to clarify/reduce interpretations and noted that the actual guidelines have already been approved by all three governance bodies and are in effect. A motion was made by R. Smith, seconded by Mark Mahosky, to approve the clarification statement. Motion passed with one opposed; A. Kirshman and S. Pham were noted as abstentions.

VII. New Business

A. Election Committee

Elections for Vice President and Secretary will be held in December. D. Johnson appointed J. Schlegel, R. Grapsy, and K. Gardi to the election committee, which will collect nominations. Nominations will also be taken from the floor in December; senators were instructed to ask individuals about their willingness to serve before nominating them for office. Incumbents J.C. Hamilton and S. Mangold announced their intentions to run for re-election for the positions of Vice President and Executive Secretary, respectively.

VIII. As May Arise

IX. Adjournment

There were no objections to D. Johnson's motion to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.