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March 6, 2014 - 4:00 p.m.
ACADEMIC FORUM 101

Present: D. Aruscavage, C. Bloh, A. Lemon (sub. K. Clair), J. Kremser (sub. A. Cordner), C. Cotellese, J. Delle, J. Scorbora (sub. C. Delphus), R. Mullen (sub. C. Dewalt), L. Frye, K. Gardi, J. Gehringer, H. Hamlet, E. Hanna, J. Harasta, N. Imbesi, V. Reidout (sub. L. Irving), J. Jackson, D. Johnson, Y. Kim, A. Kirshman, J. Kremser, M. Le Bosse, S. Lem, L. Levine, J. Lizza, T. Maskulka, B. McCree, T. McNally, C. Nordlund, D. Haxall (sub. L. Norris), K. Prock, A. Rodriguez, J. Ronan, M. Gober, L. Scappaticci, R. Schaeffer, G. Schaper, J. Schlegel, M. Sims, R.L. Smith, C. Vargas, P. Walsh Coates, M. Weller

Absent: Dr. Cevallos, F. Cortez Funk, R. Gross, D. Immel, D. Lea

Guests: C. Wells, J. Pena, D. Beougher, D. Hayduk, J. Silberman, E. Collins, P. Dewey, K. Danielson, B. Watrous

- I. D. Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:03pm
- II. Announcements
 - A. Presidential Search Update – Richard Orwig did not attend the meeting
 - B. Agenda Revisions – D. Johnson
 - old business and new business moved to the beginning of the meeting
 - no objection
- III. Approval of the Agenda – approved with revised format
- IV. Approval of the Minutes from February 6, 2014 (*see attached*)
 - R. L. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Y. Kim 2nd the motion – motion passed
- V. Old Business
 - A. ACA-016 Class Attendance Policy Revision & Rationale – K. Danielson (*see attached revision*)
 - J. Lizza – more explicit on legitimate absences
 - J. Pena – as far as Title IX, the statement is now in compliance with regards to pregnancy and childbirth (per Federal government), in regards to parenting – Title IX says you cannot prevent a student from attending class based on their parenting status
 - J. Schlegel – adoption procedure falls under different guidelines
 - J. Jackson called the questioned, 2nd by L. Frye, questioned called – motion passed

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B. COC Mission and By-laws Revision – J. Schlegel (*see attached*)

- CoC trying to lead by example by reviewing mission and bylaws. Shared with Senate the changes to illustrate changes to bylaws, structural/organizational changes
- Senate approved revisions to COC Mission and By-laws

VI. New Business

None

VII. President, Committee, Task Force Reports

A. Senate President's Report – D. Johnson

- Final examination schedule will remain the same for the 2014-2015 academic year – 5 days
- 2 other schools are searching for University Presidents – Shippensburg & California – this might affect KU timetable
- shared Senate plans for participation

B. Senate Vice President's Report – J. Schlegel

- 64 positions open, 100 individuals said they were willing to serve
- not all of the 100 who responded were willing to fill one of the 64 positions currently available
- day after the April Senate meeting there will be a link to a document that outlines all of the appointments

C. Update from President Cevallos - C. Vargas - no update

D. Title IX Revisions – J. Pena

- Cleary Act & Title IX
- Obama Administration amendments to the Violence against Women Act – domestic, dating, stalking – also extended hate crime definitions to include sexual orientation and ethnicity
- KU received another “Dear Colleague” letter and PASSHE Legal to review and amend accordingly
- Reporting obligation has changed – must report to public safety and J. Pena (as Title IX coordinator)
- C. Vargas – there will probably be a series of scenarios > will there be guidelines? J. Pena says the office of Social Equity is providing training, all policies are posted on the social equity website
- B. Watrous – additional training through the Women's Center, Alcohol Training program – also have brochures and posters throughout campus

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- J. Schlegel – discuss possible impact on public safety because they may potentially have an increase in calls. J. Pena says they have amended their procedures and updated their training
 - C. Cotellese - Internship positions off campus? J. Pena would have to report back on this specific situation
 - R. Schaeffer – is there a penalty for a faculty member who does not report? J. Pena > could not answer, B. Watrous > often discovered during an audit by the Office of Civil Rights and fines are issued “to the tune” of \$30,000 per incident
 - E. Hanna – mandated reporting
- E. Bloomsburg University Forum – D. Johnson
<http://www.bloomu.edu/forum>
http://www.bloomu.edu/policies_procedures/0101
- If we are out of compliance we have no mechanism to quickly come into compliance without a full meeting
 - Only dealing with federal or state compliance issues
 - Emergency to become “in compliance” - change to the policy goes into effect immediately and then gets voted on shortly after
 - We do not have a mechanism for bringing emergency “in compliance” issues into immediate effect
 - Concerned about the possibility of issues over the summer
 - Endorse, not endorse, refer back to committee – there is no editing of policy on Senate floor
 - Would be a change to the governance structure
 - R. Schaeffer - Article 4 section B of Senate Constitution has a provision for emergency powers
 - J. Delle – does the University president have the power to implement a policy that has not been approved by the Senate? Yes – so theoretically, the President could put the policy into effect without governing approval

VIII. As May Arise

IX. Meeting was adjourned at 5:25pm