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Council of Chairs Minutes
February 16, 2012 Drinko 402, AC 208

ACTIONS NEEDED:

1. Contact Dan Holbrook for input into AA 22 and AA 26.
2. Feel free to suggest agenda items.

*Present: Cam Brammer, Dru Bora, Mike Castellani, Byron Clercx, Mike Cunningham, Dan Holbrook, Marty Laubach, Karen McNealy, Burnis Morris, Jeff Pappas, Harlan Smith, Allan Stern

*Based on those who signed in and where names could be distinguished from signature.

Mike Castellani called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Mike presented the proposed Council of Chairs Governing Rules.

No updates were requested and the rules were adopted through a voice vote.

The election from last fall will be retroactive. The new governing rules will be in effect from spring 2011.

The new TECI III rooms merited much discussion, particularly the training needed to use them.

Questions:

Would there be automatic certification for someone with experience using the technology?

Would specific courses that were designed for the actual *room* (prior to TECI III status) be required to move if they didn't use the technology? Would there be any grandfathering of classes/professors?

There was mention that at least in one college all chairs had agreed to these policies. Did that occur?

There was mention that chairs were told about the TECI III upgrades (and were excited about the upgrades), but not the policies that followed.

It was suggested that when decisions such as these are made, it would be appropriate to request input from the vested parties. More people need to be involved in these discussions and others across campus.

This led to a discussion of what campus committees should the COC have membership on – even ex officio?

Should the COC come up with a counter proposal for TECI III training? If people scheduled to use the new TECI III rooms are mandated to use the technology as a prerequisite for doing so, isn't is a problem?

Can there be video, on-line training?

One issue is that IT is not under the provost's purview but at the same administrative level. There seems to be no acknowledgement of the academic calendar. Why train now?

Ultimately, the discussion came back to the decision-making hierarchy on campus and the need for faculty involvement and input as often as possible.

Cam Brammer volunteered to be the representative to the AD's Council for spring 2012.

There are several requests to meet with the COC. In order to ensure that the Council's work is still being done, guests will be given a timeframe in which to present.

Dan Holbrook requested feedback on AA 22 (Annual Evaluation of Faculty) and AA 26 (Faculty Promotion).

We all need to work on getting more chairs to come to the meetings.

Question: in lowering the graduation requirement from 128 to 120 hours, are there going to be fewer 300 and 400 level course requirements for students?

Has the new textbook policy achieved its purpose? Discussion concerning what to do when there is a new edition: put in old edition until new one is released.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Pappas
Vice Chair/Recorder