Chairs’ Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2013

Meeting convened at 3:04

Present: James H. McDonald, Dean, David Admire, Matt Barton, Terrie Bechdel, Kyle Bishop, Art Challis, Elise Leahy, Lynn White, Kristine Frost, administrative assistant  Excused: Mart Miller

1. Deans’ Council
   a. Adjuncts—policy 5.32 states that an adjunct can teach a maximum of 9 credit hours per semester.
   b. Smart Growth task force—the idea is to have aggressive growth while keeping the quality SUU is famous for. The goal is to increase the student population by 2,000 students. This increase projects a 2.5 million dollar increase in tuition alone.
   c. Policy change—Policy 6.41 is being revised
   d. International student admissions—it was decided that the TOEFL and IELTS scores would continue to be the standard for international student admissions to the university.
   e. National Students Statistics and Engagement Report—This report tests Freshman and Seniors. Freshman scored SUU very high. SUU rated highly in Collaborative Learning, Critical Thinking, writing and job related skills. SUU scored low in complex problems, keeping students informed, teaching them a personal code of ethics and exposure to diverse people.
   f. Tom McFarlane proposed a digital media graduate degree which would be housed in Engineering. It would be a programing degree.
   g. Joan Fitton, the grants chairman will be leaving December 1st.

2. Faculty Awards committee—There was a lot of discussion on the various awards and who to give them to. This was tabled due to lack of time

3. SUU Preview faculty presenters: Oct. 17, 18, & 25—9:20 & 9:40—Jim can cover Oct. 17 & 18 but will have to find someone to cover Oct. 25th.

4. Others

Meeting adjourned at 4:07