

Academic Assembly
February 24, 2014
2:05 – 3:35pm, STCN 130

MINUTES

Present: Jeffrey Anderson, Carol Wolfe Clay, Brooke Coleman, Tito Cruz, Lynn Deeken, Bill Ehmann, Terry Foster, Christian Halliburton, Charles Lawrence, Kristi Lee, Michael Matriotti, David Neel, Erik Olsen, Katherine Raichle, Rob Rutherford, Heath Spencer, Ben Tribelhorn, Cobretti Williams

Minutes taken by Rosa Hughes

- I. Review of 2-3-14 Minutes
 - A. Item II.B.1. – add edits “3500 students fall headcount” and “85,000 annual credit hours”
 - B. Item II.B.2. – delete the phrase from “nursing” to “plus,” and add, “dedicated to health sciences and other areas leading to 3500 total”
 - C. Delete item II.B.3.b.
 - D. Approved with above changes and one abstention
- II. Academic/University Space (Bob Dullea)
 - A. Space Planning Committee was formed to handle expensive and limited space issues
 1. In AY13 there were 97 major requests and 32 were funded
 2. Difficult to find unplanned or underutilized space
 3. Sometimes turn to lease solutions
 - B. Upcoming changes
 1. Develop operations center in 1313 Columbia building to house OIT and public safety, as well as backup power facilities in case of emergency
 2. Move Reprographics to 12th and Madison (storage facility building), with a storefront open to public
 3. Searching for tenant lease the recently purchased 1300 East Columbia (laundry building)
 4. Summer work in USVC building to reconfigure the Registrar’s office and Student Financial Services
 5. Change layout of Rianna offices to have fewer workstations, but larger and more private for better advising
 6. Final stages of leasing the building on the southeast corner of 14th and Jefferson for this summer for MSAL, MFAL and MNPL programs
 7. Exploring repurposing part or all of Casey Commons into more faculty offices
 8. SPEX may move into the Hunthausen basement with a future plan to combine with the Nursing lab space in James Tower
 9. Potentially looking to repurpose book stack areas in Library
 - a. Less than 10% of printed materials were checked out over the past few years
 - b. Move toward remote access to free up large areas of space for academic purposes
 - c. Not reducing collections, only accessing in a different way
 - C. Discussion
 1. Currently there is only limited backup power capability in USVC and Loyola, whereas 1313 Columbia would work well to build out emergency power and water services
 2. Suggestion to add faculty member to space governance committee and include faculty in general on these discussions, especially as the library book stacks discussion develops

3. Disappointed to learn about the repurposing of Casey Commons, which is a great common area that is heavily used
- III.** Review and Vote on Resolution Re: Academic Approvals Resolution 2014-3
- A. As written, very assertive about authority of AcA
 1. Question of how to interface school/college governance and AcA
 2. Perhaps needs a more subtle hierarchy
 3. Need access to budget information to make fully informed decisions
 4. AcA approval requirement is the most controversial for program elimination and items 21-29
 - B. Motion to table discussion for two weeks – approved with no abstentions
- IV.** Discussion of Committees and Appointments
- A. Stephen Luckey nominated to Sexual Misconduct Advisory Board – approved with two abstentions
 - B. David Arnesen should not sit on the Athletic committee because he is the Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR)
 - C. Reappointment of David Arnesen and Erik Olsen to Budget Advisory Committee – approved with no abstentions
 1. Budget Advisory Committee reps do not feel like they are involved in the planning process
 2. Budget committee should meet with Connie Kanter to develop a way to deal with this
 - D. Law School representatives will recruit a new member for Faculty Handbook Revision Committee
 - E. Reappointment of David Neel to HR Committee – approved with no abstentions
- V.** Discussion of AcA-sponsored University Thrift Initiative
- A. Proposal to increase faculty involvement in running institution efficiently
 1. Perhaps form a Canvas group for suggestions about how to maximize efficiency
 2. Non-electronic would be better for anonymity
 3. AcA will work on further developing the proposal and rephrase “thrift” to “co-responsible stewardship”
- VI.** Program Termination Form and Process
- A. Proposal to remove “non-academic” from Item 15 – approved with no abstentions
 - B. Proposal to add phrase “state the rationale for termination versus suspension” to Item 4 – approved with no abstentions
 - C. Change grammatical tense from “would” to “will”?
 1. All Registrar forms are in this tense
 2. The form’s action does go into effect until it has been approved by all appropriate parties, so the “would” tense is correct
 3. No change to grammatical tense
 - D. Motion to accept the form with the above edits – approved with one abstention
 - E. Discussion of procedural document moved to a future meeting
- VII.** Executive Session