

Academic Assembly
March 11, 2013
2:05 – 3:35pm, STCN 130

MINUTES

Present: David Arnesen, Mason Bryan, Carol Wolfe Clay, Karen Cowgill, Tito Cruz, Lynn Deeken, Bill Ehmann, Terry Foster, Christian Halliburton, Sonora Jha, Bill Kangas, Chuck Lawrence, Kristi Lee, Michael Matriotti, Kelly Meduna, Erik Olsen, Roshanak Roshandel, Rob Rutherford, Chris Stipe, John Strait, Bill Taylor

Minutes taken by Rosa Hughes

I.

1. Men's basketball is not producing revenue at budgeted levels.
 2. Women's basketball is doing well, although Connolly does not fully meet NCAA Division 1 standards
 3. SU is continuing to fund Athletics according to the business plan developed to transition us to Division 1 status
- C. HR presentation
1. Benefits package comparable with peer institutions
 2. SU fringe benefits are being reduced (which will likely result in higher deductibles and lower level of annual subsidy)
 3. Adjustment to the university's retirement benefits are also under consideration (AcA will invite Jerry Huffman to an upcoming meeting for more details)
- D. Online education
1. Focus on two target groups: degree completion for adult learners and graduate/professional programs
 2. Expand software and systems upgrades
 3. Goal to have hybrid/online education in place during AY2014-15 (hybrid is usually approximately 80 online/20 in person, but flexible)
- E. FY14 Budget
1. At the end of the FY14 budget process, every unit of the university did not experience a full 5% reduction
 2. 4.87% tuition increase for undergraduate credits
 3. Public safety will add 8 new positions
 4. Budget Advisory Committee
 - a. BAC representatives from AcA need to determine how often to report back to AcA
 - b. BAC representatives also need to find out how much input they have on budget preparation in the future (may want to include in AcA Bylaws discussion)
- V. Committee Appointments
- A. Galen Trail, Athletics Advisory Board
 1. Approved
 - B. Terry Foster, University Assessment Committee
 1. Approved
 - C. Nominee needed for Budget Advisory Committee
 1. Sean McDowell nominated
 2. Discussion of nominating from a school other than College of Arts and Sciences
 3. BAC representatives will ask Connie Kanter if we can appoint two additional representatives
 - a. If so, we will vote on Sean and another nominee
 - b. If not, we will seek a nominee from College of Science and Engineering
- VI. Executive Session began at 3:20pm