Present: Chuck Holcombe (History), Jim McCullagh (Social Work), Andrew Gilpin (Psych), Tim Strauss (Geography), Elaine Eshbaugh (SAHS—Vice chair and secretary), Taifa Yu (Political Science), Cyndi Dunn (SAC--Chair), Kristy Rose (ROTC), Richard Featherstone (Interim Associate Dean), Brenda Bass (Interim CSBS Dean)

Al Hays (MPP) present to discuss proposed curriculum changes in Public Policy.

1. Minutes from Feb. 25 approved with minor change.
2. Gute (SAHS) willing to serve on LAC committee.
3. Dunn says elections for committees will go live on MyUNIverse the Monday after spring break. Encourage colleagues to vote.
4. Curriculum: Public Policy (presented by Al Hays)
   a. PUB POL 6208: change to title, course description
      i. Previous title was outdated
      ii. Was taught experimentally this fall
      iii. Course is for 2nd year MPP students
      iv. Discussion of use of term "capstone" and potential confusion for students looking for LAC course
      v. Hays gives examples of placements for students in this course (e.g., Blackhawk County Health Dept)
   b. Program de-activation proposal
      i. Plan to close-out accelerated MPP program
      ii. Undergrads not looking far enough in advance to enroll in program; low enrollment
   c. Changes to MPP
      i. External viewers felt program was too long
      ii. Hays explains how to potential shorten program without sacrificing quality
      iii. Take seminar twice rather than 3 times
      iv. Given cuts in Phil & Religion, unsure if Ethics in Public Policy can be staffed--course no longer exists
      v. One fewer elective
      vi. Reduction in length means you can complete program with one fewer semester ON CAMPUS
   d. Yu moves to approve changes in PP program; motion passes
5. LAC Category V
   a. Reorganizing 3 categories (a, b, and c)
   b. Proposal is to take one from each group
   c. Deliberate choice to not add courses to groups at this point; just a re-organization
   d. Courses in category c have had their syllabi reviewed for content
   e. Featherstone has reviewed course enrollments extensively to examine impact of changes
   f. Gilpin moves to approve; Yu 2nd; motion passes

6. Comments from the Dean
   a. Bass visited with incoming President briefly
   b. Bass has been working on curriculum, P & T, adjunct budgets, etc
   c. 4-4 teaching load issues: AAC will discuss tomorrow; Provost wants to move quickly to get back to faculty on this
   d. McCullagh asks about CSBS strategic plan (currently in place until 2015)
      i. Bass thinks college plan should fit with university plan
      ii. Issues with dept plans fitting into CSBS plan
      iii. Dept plan--> college plan --> university plan
   e. Issue of faculty teaching assessments
      i. Committee of faculty will come up with options for assessment tools
      ii. Featherstone: we must decide what we will consider and evaluate as "good teaching"
      iii. Bass: would like to see good instrument that also has ease of use
      iv. Discussion of biases in tvals (gender, age, etc.)
   f. New dept head in Psych: Eric Hiris
   g. Application numbers for fall not looking good
      i. Focus on getting personal contact from faculty to get those who are accepted to enroll, will get mailings as well
      ii. Featherstone is closely watching application and enrollment numbers

7. Meeting adjourns at 4:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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