Northern Illinois University

COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

5th Meeting
Monday, March 6, 2017

MINUTES

APPROVED

Present: Pat Anderson (Alumni Association-Ex-officio); Sheila Barrett (HHS); Dhiman Chakraborty (CLAS)(via phone); Steve Daskal (CLAS); Daryl Dugas (EDU); Kerry Freedman (CVPA); Elisa Fredericks (COB); Todd Gilson (Honors Director, Ex-officio); Ed Klonoski (Acting Assoc. Vice Provost); Venu Korampally (CEET)(via phone); Beth McGowan (ULIB); Rave Meyer (LAS student)

Absent: Debbie Gettemy (HOUS-Ex-officio); Mike Konen (CLAS);

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by R. Meyer to approve the agenda, seconded by E. Fredericks. Motion passed unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

S. Daskal made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2017 meeting, seconded by S. Barrett. Motion passed unanimously.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Director of University Honors, Todd Gilson, presented a new model for the Honors Program. He is seeking feedback on the proposed Honors Model, which was developed as a result of Program Prioritization. He has presented the proposal to the Student Association and will present it to the Baccalaureate Council later this week. He gave an overview of the proposal. The current program is all curricular based with 27 hours required. The new proposal will move to a points system, each 3 hr. course would count as 1 point. It would combine coursework with co-curricular activities. This will bring more flexibility into the program. This program would not go into effect until Fall of 2018 at the earliest. There was discussion about the GPA requirement. Currently of the 1000 honors students approximately 160 have a GPA below 3.3. Freedman would also like future discussion to be had about raising the GPA requirement. When asked how the students felt about this, Gilson said that 33% of the strategic planning committee was comprised of students and he indicated they are enthusiastic about the proposal. Gilson indicated the Student Association is taking up a resolution in support of the proposal on March 26th. Klonoski asked how the rigor of the co-curricular activities would be measured. Gilson said what they see are pre-approved experiences that they craft out similar to examples shown in the proposal. Gilson indicated that through a website students can view opportunities for co-curricular experiences and know that if they complete them they will earn the points. In addition students will also have the opportunity to create their own experiences through an approval process. Klonoski asked if there is a list of criteria. Gilson said not at this point, the process is still in development and would be refined as feedback is collected. Both Klonoski and Daskal mentioned requiring some kind of reflective work that links to one of the eight baccalaureate learning outcomes. Daskal indicated a system like Engaged PLUS would be a good model to follow. There was a general consensus of support for the proposal by committee members.
IV. OLD BUSINESS

a. EUIA/EUTA SELECTION

A chart of committee member rankings for the EUTA nominees was provided for review. Committee members discussed how they came to their rankings in various categories. After further discussion, E. Fredericks made a motion that Diane Rogers, Katja Wiemer and Paul Dawkins be awarded the EUTA awards, seconded by S. Barrett. Motion passed unanimously.

The committee discussed the EUIA nominations. An EUIA nomination was received for a newly appointed Board of Trustee member. Verification of eligibility of this individual will need to be determined, consultation with the Executive Vice President and Provost will determine eligibility. In the event that individual is not eligible the committee selected an alternate. On a motion by E. Fredericks, seconded by D. Dugas, Janet Reynolds will be awarded the EUIA award should the Trustee not be eligible. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Selection of David Raymond Technology in Teaching Award

There was one nomination submitted. Ratfield suggested that the committee could review the application electronically and give feedback by the end of the week. B. McGowan made a motion for the committee members to review the application and indicate whether they feel it meets the criteria for the award by Friday, seconded by E. Fredericks. Motion passed unanimously.

After reviewing the application for the David Raymond Technology in Teaching Award, the following committee members indicated their support for awarding Walker Ashley, Department of Geography: S. Daskal, K. Freedman, V. Korampally, R. Meyer, S. Barrett, D. Dugas, B. McGowan and D. Chakraborty.

V. ADJOURNMENT

B. McGowan made a motion to adjourn at 2:40 p.m., seconded by E. Fredericks. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
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