Task Force on Shared Governance
April 7, 2014, 3:15 pm, Room 408 Manderino Library

APROVED MINUTES

The Task Force on Shared Governance met on Monday, April 7, 2014 at 3:15 pm in Room 408, Manderino Library.

The following were in attendance:

Dr. Bruce Barnhart, Dr. Carol Bocetti, Ms. Kelsey DeNardo, Dr. Stan Komacek, Dr. Michael Slavin, Dr. Craig Smith, and Mr. Don Verney

The minutes from the March 24, 2014 were presented. Minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Continue Review of Comprehensive Chart of dialogue areas and constituent voices

Dr. Smith opened the discussion by reminding members of the need to create a workable system and not one that can be avoided or ignored. There followed a general discussion about how to begin choosing essential elements of a governance system and what to consider first. It was agreed to consider existing constituent voices to determine their purpose and utility.

1) Academic Affairs Council – currently considers academic policy revisions as found in the university catalog and approves emeriti recommendations. A proposal was offered to dissolve this council and shift these functions to other areas
    a. Departments recommend emeriti status directly to the president/designee
    b. Academic policy changes be routed through the university-wide curriculum committee for consideration; the UCC will forward these to college councils, who will distribute to departments. To give voice to students on academic policy revisions, a student government representative would serve in an advisory capacity on UCC
2) Provost Council, Chairs' Forum, and Faculty Senate were considered together. It was agreed that these groups currently serve as discussion groups that disseminate information and hear from constituencies, but they are not currently part of the deliberative system of shared governance. Two arguments were advanced:
    a. These bodies remain in their current status – outside of the governance model
    b. These bodies be assigned dialogue areas within the shared governance model

Discussion continued concerning dialogue areas on the governance review chart and whether these areas continue to be essential for shared governance; further discussion was held regarding which campus groups (if any) on the review chart currently deal with some of these areas.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.