

Strategic Planning Committee – January 19, 2012

Attending: Tommy Cox (Chair), Rob Sanders, Ebenezer Kolojo, Betty Ishoy, Hannes Gerhardt, Neill Korobov, Nadya Popov, Will Lloyd, Debra MacComb, Jon Anderson, Carol Goodson.

Meeting called to order by Chair Tommy Cox at 1:05pm.

Welcome to Nadejda Popov, recently elected to the Faculty Senate as Tommy Cox' replacement.

Approval of last month's minutes (minutes missing). Abbot Packard will try to find a copy and resend to Cox.

SubCommittee Reports:

- a. Missions & Visions (Lloyd). Chris Huff and Lloyd met with Dr. Horvath re: another group of people he wants to assemble to work on strategic planning; they suggested that the people Horvath was thinking of be added in to the SPC group (they are still waiting for the list). Lloyd subsequently met with Sethna re: strategic planning; he approved the direction we are heading in, and added some ideas about the mission of schools like ours (essentially, to prepare students to enter the middle class). He further suggested that the Committee establish a schedule of exactly who is to be charged with carrying out the plans.
- b. Quality Enhancement Plan (MacComb): distributed document presented to Senate in December as an information item. She has started writing the narrative that will be part of the SACS document on the QEP; needs to accumulate more information. Will be meeting soon with the Writing Committee in English re: learning outcomes. Cox remarked that the presentation at the Senate went well, no comments or questions. Throughout the semester, we will develop the QEP more specifically.

[Anderson: seeking feedback on his idea about putting out the QEP document in Google Docs, and letting ANYONE work on editing it, including students; this could help get the word out, and demonstrate to SACS that we sought the widest input possible on the QEP. Also: almost all the QEPs have some name or acronym associated with them, and we need one: should we open it to suggestions from faculty & students? Consensus yes: Anderson will figure out and implement.]

- c. SACS Compliance Certificate (Packard): sent in, waiting to hear if it was acceptable, or needs changes. Cox: will this SubCommittee continue? If they are done, what other task could they work on?

New Business:

Cox: Any other new business not on the agenda?

Kolajo: we made some recommendations regarding UWG's current strategic plan, but they are not finalized yet (particularly regarding the proposed goal of having a faculty/student ratio of 4.4 to 1). Anderson: SACS looks at FTE faculty, they don't care about their status; we can leave it as is, we just have to define what full-time is, and benchmark ourselves against our own standards. Cox: suggests that the Strategic Planning/Vision group work on proposals for changes to Goals 2, 3, 7 and 8, and bring them to the full Committee for discussion.

Election of new Chair: only Senators are eligible, so only Rob, Will or Abbot can be elected. Rob Sanders was unanimously elected.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.

[notes taken by Carol Goodson]