



GOVERNANCE STEERING COUNCIL

SUMMARY – APRIL 9, 2013 - ROOM 109A – 3:00 PM – 4:00

Room 109B – from 4:00 – 5:00 (if needed)

Attendance: Marilyn Martin, Chair; Susan Laprade; Philomena D’Alessandro; Kathy Rentsch; Linda LeFave; Faith Symmes; Sandra England; Jean McLean; Gaelan Benway; Margaret Wong; Michelle McCrillis; Jonathan Miller; Amy Pierce; George Fitch; Juan Poma; Joseph Kroell

Absent: *Ricardo Caton, Linda Grochowalski, and Clement Adamah*

1. Forum and Moderator descriptions: process

Distributed copies of the forum and Moderator descriptions with the feedback received at the April Forum inserted and space allowed for additional feedback. The suggestion is to distributed this college-wide to obtain additional responses and for the GSC to review all of the feedback at the April 30th special meeting of the GSC (at 2 pm in the Monks Room).

Several GSC members stated that they believe the college community was well aware in advance of the vote taken at the All College Day of Spring 2012 that the number of students who would be voting participants at the Forums would be limited to the Student Senators, and pointed out that this had been discussed fully with those who attended the Listening Sessions held prior to the vote. Others stated that shared governance should be shared equally by students, faculty, and staff. A compromise idea was proposed that students be allowed to vote on certain topics (when student senates requests authorization to be allowed to vote on topics of student interest and concern).

Chair Martin asked that this topic be revisited in the Fall.

2. Reports from Council Chairs: Operations, Student Services, and Student Senate – no reports.

Learning Council: The Learning Council has voted to make one change to the Council’s description, and to add the following as members: Transfer, Admissions, Financial Aid, and Advising. They are continuing to discuss the topic of Course/Program approval. Further, because of the restructuring in Academic Affairs, the Learning Council will need to hold special elections in the Fall to populate their Council in a balanced manner.

Diversity: The Council voted to expand its membership to include someone from the Dean of Students office, and voted on changes to the Council description.

Faculty Senate: The Faculty Senate voted on a proposal to allow program coordinators and departments access to timely technical assistance to create and expedite changes to their program/work area websites. Discussion ensued about the lack of social networking and the need for a template for each area to use to design its own pages. The Faculty Senate will complete the policy template and resubmit this item to the Steering Council. If approved, the GSC will schedule this topic for discussion at the next Forum.

3. Policy Tracking Form: Topic held until next meeting

4. May Forum: May 7, 2013, at 2 pm, Rooms 109AB in the HLC. Topics likely to be: the Forum, the Forum Moderator, and the Policy/Website discussion.

5. New Business: No new business.

6. Meeting Adjourned at 4:25 pm

Calendar:

Next GSC meeting: April 30, 2013 – 2 PM – MONKS ROOM

Next Forum: May 7, 2013 2PM