Arts and Sciences Executive Committee Minutes

Tuesday, December 09, 2014

9:15 – 10:00 am

245 Patterson Office Tower

Attendance: Chana Akins, Anibal Biglieri, Anna Bosch, Jeremy Crampton, Mark Kornbluh, Wolfgang Korsch, Carl Lee, Betty Lorch, Ted Schatzki, and Kirsten Turner

Next steps for Provost Office

President Capilouto announced the departure of Provost Christine Riordan. She has accepted the President position at Adelphi University in New York. The president will be talking with each dean individually over the next few weeks. The president stated in his email he hopes to have a provost in place January 1, 2015.

Students Success Update

The dean informed the group that the president was pleased with the five page student success report. The college is seeking ways to work on increased student success and retention for this semester and our current students. Several faculty in the psychology department are reaching out to students who are at risk. They reported that it is beneficial if there is already a connection established with the student. This has been helpful in catching unadvised scheduling for next semester. These conversations must be sensitive and thought through. Another strategy is to investigate where the students are successful. The idea is that students who maybe struggling in STEM courses could be successful in the Humanities or Social Sciences. The dean also acknowledged there still remains an instructor issue in success and retention. Additionally, the college is creating a committee who will be charged with creating a common academic culture. The group will prepare a 12 month calendar on how the college will build this culture. The college will continue conversations on student success and retention in January.

Research discussion

The office of the Vice President for Research sent out a power point regarding the future of funding at the university. The goal is to increase NIH funding, collaborations and research funding in general. The group will continue the discussion on research and funding next semester.

Update on External Funding and Start-up

Beginning in FY2016 the College will no longer be able to request large start-up packages from the OVPR. We will be in an acting RCM model. Finally, the group discussed the value of academic time buy-outs from NIH grants. These buyouts release money which the department then keeps.