Arts and Sciences Executive Committee Minutes

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

9:00 – 10:00 am

245 Patterson Office Tower

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

Dean’s Updates

Budget

The Dean informed the committee that nothing has yet been communicated regarding the budget model. The college is trying to plan ahead for the next few years and can only make assumptions at this point. The group had a discussion on regulatory matters which seemed to be encouraging a sense of centralization.

Provost search

The University is hosting the Provost candidates open forums on February 12 and 13. The Dean encouraged the committee members to attend, ask questions, and to show interest.

Student success

Dean Kornbluh discussed DEW rates and explained that reducing these is a high priority for the president. The dean and college are working closely with other departments and undergraduate colleges to examine ways of improving the DEW rates. Three things (among several others) we are currently working on 1) block scheduling 2) changing Biology and Chemistry rules to indicate that a c or better is received before moving onto the next sequence or class and 3) advisor holds.

The dean also informed the group of recent grade distribution charts. He was shocked there was not a standard bell curve and that there are common themes across the campus. There was further discussion regarding the +/- system and how that might affect the scores for our students. These charts are attached in the email for your information.

Next Steps in Internationalization

Dean Kornbluh shared a job description and call for application for an Associate Dean for International Affairs positions. He informed the group that this will be an internal search and he has met with the IS steering committee, department chairs, Susan Carvalho, and Beth Barnes regarding this position. The Deans office and these groups believe the position is necessary and several other colleges have a dedicate person in this role. His goal is for the faculty in IS to become more involved and for the program to grow.