Arts and Sciences Executive Committee Minutes

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

9:00 – 10:00 am

245 Patterson Office Tower

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

1. Select Committee Chair for 2014-2015

Jeremy Crampton was appointed as chairperson of the committee for 2014-15.

1. Composition of Advisory Committee and Elections Committee

The committees were approved for 2014-2015.

1. A&S Rules wording changes

The changes to the A&S Rules were approved and will be put to a vote at the next all faculty meeting.

1. Dean’s Update

Deans Office: Dean Kornbluh indicated that the Dean’s Office is in a very stable position. The dean and associate deans all have renewed contracts.

Development: The College is welcoming a new Director of Development, Beth Wells, on October 1. Beth has been in the College of Arts and Science at two other universities, has 25 years’ experience and is excited to start her work in Lexington. She will be on board just in time for Hall of Fame.

Undergraduate Education: The College and the university are focusing their energy on student success and retention rates. We envision the LLP helping in that effort by engaging students and by building communities. The advising team has created classes to help failing students and offered new ideas for support.

Graduate Education: The College is making graduate education a priority and is starting discussions on re-thinking graduate education, funding, and workload.

1. University News

Budget Model: The final budget model has not yet been released. Currently the budget office is working on eight formulas for consideration but we do know the 20 % SIF tax has been removed from last year’s model. The dean expects to hear more October 27 and also assumes the model will still go into effect 2015-2016.

Enrollment: This year was the largest incoming class, we welcomed more than 30,000 students on campus this term, 5,188 incoming freshman and 10 % of those students are honors students, which is an increase from the previous year. A&S has over 1,000 of those students in our majors.

Campus Safety: The President has announced he would like to address campus safety. We expect to see more of this campaign throughout the year. We will be scheduling workshops for faculty on identifying students who need assistance and how faculty can help students who have been assaulted, violence prevention, and similar topics.

Buildings and Infrastructure: There is a lot of building going on throughout campus and more can be expected. The academic science building and business school are under construction. Several new dorms have first year students in them and more dorms are going up. We expect plans for the law school building, Student Center and the possibility of BBSRBII in the near future.

Strategic Plan: The College will start working on our strategic plan following the release of the University’s plan which is scheduled for October.