

December 7, 2010
11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Get Steve's PPT.

1. Call to Order
2. Announcements:
 - a. Executive Committee elections will be held in the spring. Everyone's term is up. Browne and Massey are ineligible for reelection.
 - b. New Website (R. Wold): Wold is half IT support, half webmaster. Wold gave a basic introduction to the structure of the new campus website, including logging in, adding content, etc. The new website is hoping to launch before winter break, but probably will not until the spring. M. van Hoeck has launched the library's part of the website. T. Nordenholz felt that the adjectives in big letters on the home page are too big and compete with the name of the school.
 - c. Results of Chair Elections: ME, Steve Pronchick; ET, J. Massey/R. Jackson; MPM, T. Lynch; S&M, L. Kitazono; MarOps, P. McGroarty. The MT election is scheduled for next year. Lynch: Shouldn't the director's job description have been defined before the job was filled? Browne: Yes. The process wasn't ideal. There are a lot of things up in the air. Nordenholz: This kind of thing happens year after year. We get to Thanksgiving and Christmas...we're all bearing down for finals, RTP...all of a sudden this huge thing comes up...why don't we have these big kinds of discussions earlier? We are meeting now, December 8, to talk about combining schools...when we're all so busy, and this thing must be decided NOW. Browne: I did speak to the dean about that. Dean Kreta: The academic master plan is my roadmap. Lynch: Is there anything in the academic master plan about a directorship? Kreta: Yes, but it isn't defined. Benton: The ABS gift wanted a directorship. It made sense when the director was the chair. Now we are faced with the director not being the chair. Kreta: The President, Provost and Dean are working on this as a high priority. Gutierrez: Given our size, do we really need another layer of management? Browne: Good question. And is it an MPP position, or faculty with release time? Is it a chair of one of these departments? Gutierrez: Will this be the precedent for the other schools? Lynch: Some directors get national searches and others don't. Browne: What is the director's role in RTP? Van Hoeck: What was the rationale for the three-school model? Benton: It has to do with the future of the institution, economies of scale, FTE numbers we're trying to hit. They tried to model it after schools, rather than degree-granting programs vs. non-degree-granting programs...many models were considered. Browne: The ultimate goal 1800-2000 students. Nordenholz: The other comment about the master plan that I want to make is that I don't see it as the bible. The approval of the master plan was done a bit hastily. I didn't vote for it because of this. We are not bound by this, as faculty. C. Clott: For a very small school, this model seems very top-heavy. Browne: Part of our faculty retreat is to discuss this as a body.
 - d. Faculty Retreat: This will be held Wednesday, January 5 at the Gaia Hotel in American Canyon. Secretary J. Chisholm will send out an Evite. You can RSVP to her.
 - e. Master's Degree Update: The first four classes went before the curriculum committee last week. The concept is not being debated anymore. CMA has approved three classes, with the fourth pending confirmation of library resources. Browne: There has been a lot of interest in the degree already, especially from the Coast Guard. Neumann: What is the cost of the program? Browne: About 20k.
3. Other Business: C. Arms-Cartee: Arms-Cartee would like senate support for service awards for temporary employees. G. Benton made a motion to support this. T. Nordenholz made a motion to craft a resolution. Arms-Cartee offered to write it. J. Gutierrez: Expressed concern about the SUMMA teaching

evaluations. He said that he has been hearing that people have been penalized for not having certain scores on SUMMAs. If this is true, this is wrong. He cited a CSU/CFA report that states that teaching evaluations should not be the only thing used in RTP decisions on teaching.

4. Adjournment

Minutes respectfully submitted by Julie Chisholm.