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Members Present: J. Constable, P. Newell, J. Parks, A. Parham, D. Nef, R. Sanchez

Members Absent:

Visitors: J. Hironaka-Juteau, D. Freed

The meeting was called to order by Chair Constable at 3:32 p.m. in Thomas 117.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of March 14, 2012.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements

Chair Constable noted that Dr. O. Benavides will provide information on Cal State Online program next week.

A brief discussion of the Cal State Online program indicated that the Committee needs to have greater clarity on the finances of Continuing and Global Education. Chair Constable will invite L. Zelezny to a future meeting of the UBC.

The requested budget information was received from the Kremen School of Education and Human Development.

4. New Business

The UBC received information regarding the new MA Program in Deaf Education.

5. Discussion of the proposed new MA in Deaf Education with J. Hironaka-Juteau and D. Freed.

The discussion of the program quickly identified that the proposed new program was in fact a conversion from a traditional face-to-face program to an online program that encompassed ~80% online and ~20% face-to-face instruction. Key points noted were:

Deaf Education enrollment has been declining due to the availability of online programs from National and related online only universities. In order to compete effectively the current face-to-face program is being phased-out and will be replaced with the 80/20 online/face-to-face format. The program is one of two in the California State University system and will be able to offer an MA

in Deaf Education for fewer dollars than the online only universities and will stand out because of its face-to-face component.

There may be some additional costs due to travel to assess and supervise student's abilities, but these costs are anticipated to be borne by the College of Health and Human Services.

It is additionally unclear if there were going to be any additional costs associated with library subscriptions.

6. Discussion of low enrollment classes.

The committee reviewed the low enrollment data for each of the colleges. Although all colleges offered some low enrollment sections, the College of Science and Mathematics (CSM) and the College of Arts and Humanities (CAH) accounted for 82% of sections with 1-5 students (115 sections) and 41% of sections with 6-15 students.

A second spreadsheet indicated that in CSM and CAH sections enrolling 1-15 students totaled 94 and 159 in CSM and CAH respectively. Furthermore, the number of sections enrolling only 1-5 students were significant (35 sections in CSM and 60 sections in CAH).

It was noted that the current funding approach through the Budget Model for low enrollment classes provides the College with a minimal funding level to partially offset costs associated with offering the class. However, it was noted that it would be easy to eliminate funding for low enrollment classes through the Budget Model by raising the low enrollment limit resulting in an elimination of funding for all low enrollment classes.

7. Discussion of the Dean's responses to the request from the UBC for information about the College level budgeting process.

Chair Constable provided a summary sheet of the requested budget information from the four Colleges that provided data and new information from the Kremen School of Education and Human Development. Chair Constable will collate the information from all five Schools/College and send it out to the UBC.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Agenda for Wednesday 28 March 2012

1. Approval of minutes of 21 March 2012.
2. Approval of agenda for 28 March 2012.
3. Discussion with the Provost.
4. Discussion of Cal State Online with Dr. O. Benavides.
5. Communications and Announcements.
 - a. Budget information received from the College of Social Sciences.
 - b. Finances of CGE.
6. New Business.
7. Discussion of the conversion from the Face-to-Face MA in Deaf Education to an Online MA in Deaf Education.
8. Discussion of a possible new budget model configuration from Dennis Nef.
9. Discussion of the Dean's responses to the request from the UBC for information about their budgeting process.