Present: Andre, Catrine, Emmett, Love, Murphy, O’Connor, Potchen, Putnam, Schechter, Sticklen, Weber, Wurst; Others: Banks, Harrison, Wilcox, Wright

Absent: Abeles

Professor Wright, Secretary for Academic Governance convened the meeting at 3:15 p.m. with a quorum present.

The Agenda was amended moving the item on the New Residential College/School up to item 3. An additional item was added on Reactivation of the Ad Hoc Gender Identity Committee 2. The amended agenda was approved.

Election of Interim ECAC Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for August 23, 2005 through September 6, 2005:
Professor Wright requested nominations for the Interim Chairperson for ECAC. A motion passed electing Jon Sticklen as the Interim Chairperson. Nominations were requested for an Interim Vice Chairperson. A motion was passed electing Norm Abeles as Interim Vice Chairperson.

Professor Sticklen, Interim Chairperson, then conducted the meeting.

New Residential College/School Final Report:
Professor Esquith, Chairperson for the New Residential College/School summer task force, reported on the work done. At the end of spring semester, Acting Provost Hudzik and the Academic Council identified the need for a small task force to be created to follow up on the work of the Curriculum Team. The Task Force was to focus on the first year curriculum for the New Residential College/School. The summer task force members were faculty that were familiar with the curriculum and the group consulted with thirty faculty over the summer. The Report generated by the Task Force was built on the platform of the Curriculum Team Report done in the spring. Professor Esquith noted that there were four sample syllabi in the appendices of the Report which will be discussed at the UCC Subcommittee C meeting on September 8, 2005.

The discussions with faculty in Arts & Letters and other colleges were supportive of the content and substance of the Report. There were no dissenting opinions. Provost Wilcox acknowledged the work of the Task Force group, noting he was very impressed with the Report and fully endorses, including the notion of a new autonomous college.

ECAC passed a motion to refer for commentary to UCAP, UCSA and UCFA, reporting to the Academic Council meeting September 27, 2005. The respective reports need to be received in the SAG office by September 16. The Provost will have a cover letter attached to the reports.
Reports from Summer Subgroup for Processing Faculty Voice Report in Governance:
Professor Larabee, Chairperson of the Summer Subgroup for Processing the Faculty Voice Report in Governance, presented a summary of the summer work. The group was formed in response to the Faculty Voice Report to frame the Faculty Voice document for Faculty Council and formulate ways to move the report through the governance system. ECAC members from 2004-05 and 2005-06 were invited to participate. There was also regular participation from Faculty Voice members, Professors Moch, Manderscheid and Harrow and Professor Banks, representing Administration. The work of the group focused on what parts of the Report could be expedited and secondly how could the Report be framed and divided into doable tasks for governance. A time frame was to also be developed. It was the decision of the group to schedule an early Faculty Council meeting to orient new faculty members informing them of their role and the governance structure. The Faculty Voice Report was to be introduced at this meeting as well to energize discussion. The Faculty Council Representatives would be encouraged to organize conversations with their Colleges, including the College Advisory Councils. The Summer Subgroup also formed a pool of its members to serve as a resource to provide information. The chairperson of ECAC will send a letter to all faculty encouraging participation.

The Report was organized into five tasks:
- Reexamination of the current committee structure of academic governance
- Design of a system for regular faculty reviews of administrators
- Study and make recommendations concerning regular program reviews.
- Study and make recommendations concerning communication and transparency of governance
- Study and make recommendations concerning fixed-term faculty

The group recommended that task force groups be established for each of these tasks. There was much discussion regarding the proposed distributed timeline and the difficulty of requesting nominations for the task force groups prior to discussion of the tasks. It was also noted that criteria may need to be developed for selection of faculty from the nominations. Members decided to accept the proposed timeline presented.

A motion was passed to endorse the report of the Summer Subgroup for Processing Faculty Voice Report in Governance to the Faculty Council.

Proposal from Summer Subgroup for Processing Faculty Voice Report to Invite Students to Faculty Council Meeting:
Professor Sticklen reported the Summer Subgroup recommended that the student representatives on Academic Council be formally invited to attend the Faculty Council meeting on August 30, 2005. A motion passed to invite the students.

Setting of Faculty Council agenda and Location:
There were several options discussed regarding the location of the Faculty Council meeting. Following discussion it was the decision of the members to hold the meeting in the auditorium of the Radiology Building.
The agenda for the Faculty Council meeting on August 30, 2005 is as follows:

- Discussion of Faculty Council Role in Governance
- Brief Background on Faculty Voice Committee
- ECAC Subgroup on Faculty Voice Report
- Faculty Voice: Specific Charge to Faculty Council Members re: ECAC Recommendations

Reauthorization of Gender Identity Ad Hoc Committee II:
Professor Sticklen briefly summarized the work of the first Gender Identity Committee for members. Gender Identity II ad hoc committee was initiated to address the discrimination clause in the Anti-discrimination Policy. The Academic Council passed a motion regarding the composition of the Gender Identity II committee. The problem this past year has been trying to get names for faculty identified by Paulette Granberry Russell to insure diversity. One faculty name was forwarded this summer. A motion passed to move forward reactivating the committee. Given the absence of a faculty slate of names from Paulette Granberry Russell, ECAC will present a motion to Academic Council to amend the composition.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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