

AQIP Scholarship Committee

“Enhancing the Campus Climate for Scholarship”

Minutes

February 7, 2008

Convened at 7:35am in NSF 3202

Present: J. Leonard (chair), A. Prus, A. Smentkowski, P. Hogan, W. Tireman, M. Freier, P. Pless, J. Schiffer, C. Prosen (ex officio)

- I. Approval of Minutes from 1/17/08
 - a. Minor typographical corrections
 - b. Tacit approval by members present
- II. Selection of Recorder for the meeting (W. Tireman)
- III. Announcements
 - a. Jill reported that the web page is nearly ready for public viewing
 - b. Interim report and minutes to be placed on web
- IV. Items of business
 - a. Forum Notes
 - i. Jim believes distilled notes will be of more use to faculty than raw notes
 - ii. Make raw notes available upon request
 - iii. Look into a comments page on the web page for others to add to the discussion
 - iv. Jim to work over the forum notes this weekend and email a draft
 - b. Comments on forum and Brad Stith visit
 - i. Significant resistance to submitting CV – Reasons:
 1. Time requirement for nothing in return
 2. Stuff not on CV is important as well
 3. Anxiety over expecting more output from faculty
 4. There are still issues with getting information from faculty evaluations. Cindy is still pursuing this path.
 - ii. Focus on faculty worries
 1. Contractual issues were brought up at the forum
 2. Image of faculty that don't pursue scholarship even after tenure and promotion.
 3. Some faculty fears are not even in our charge
 - a. Some view it as administration “forcing” more expectations
 - b. Others feel it will take away from the classroom instruction
 4. General committee feeling is that our charge is to develop a set of recommendations which will “enhance” the scholarship environment while increasing opportunities for student involved research.
 5. Andrew recommended that we put a header on all posted minutes and all emails to faculty

6. Jim believes this will not work. AQIP has a “bad” name among faculty. Will concurs with a story.
 7. Cindy and Andrew remind us this is about accreditation and not a choice and we must communicate this to the faculty and union leadership.
 - iii. Ideas on how to proceed
 1. Promote the teacher/scholar model
 2. Promote that research lab work can be teaching when students are involved
 3. Generate recommendations which will improve the scholarship environment without unreasonable expectations
 4. Meet with faculty unions to discuss our ideas on get their view points
 - V. Winter Semester plan
 - a. Time group is to meet next week to generate a draft time survey
 - b. Committee subgroups are to meet and begin filling out their “homework” sheets to define our next moves
 - c. Jill will invite NMUFA and AAUP union membership to our next meeting to discuss our goals with them and get a feeling for their position, etc.
 - VI. Other Business
 - a. Focus groups need note takers from the committee membership
 - b. Focus group questions (distributed by Molly) need comments and suggestions. Send comments to Molly.
 - c. All subcommittees please send email to all committee members when you schedule a meeting
 - VII. Next meeting is set from Thursday, February 21st from 4-6 PM with the room to be announced pending response from union leadership.
 - VIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 AM by general consensus

Respectfully submitted,

Will Tireman