

AQIP Scholarship Committee
“Enhancing the Campus Climate for Scholarship”
4/18/08

Attending: J. Leonard (chair), M. Freier (recorder), S. Piziali, P. Pless, A. Prus, J. Schiffer, W. Tireman, C. Prosen (ex officio).

M. Freier was selected as recorder, and the minutes of the 4/3/08 meeting were approved.

University Scholars—further discussion

The Committee discussed the draft for the organization of a University Scholars program. The sentences in the fourth bullet point that read “Preference given to students who have active projects ongoing that will be continued in next year and that have shown good progress(?)” were deleted, since the stated preference seemed to favor students in science programs, where they might be working in labs on projects. These sentences were replaced with the following: “A specific project will be proposed and will be accompanied by a letter of support from a mentor.”

It was agreed that the last bullet point would be replaced with “The students will be selected by a committee of three faculty drawn from across the disciplines, and the program will be administered by the current Freshman Fellows Program.”

Report from Faculty Time & Scholarship Survey

Jill presented a preliminary report of the results of the survey, including the comments that were made on it. Several questions were dropped when the survey went online (which explains why we all thought it seemed shorter). Questions about summer faculty fellowships and credit for various activities (labs, grants, projects) weren’t on the survey—apparently a page of questions just got skipped in the coding process. For the most part, the results don’t appear to contain too many surprises, although there were some comments that assumed that science was being specifically referred to when it was not.

Final report on the survey with additional analysis is being drafted

Report from Focus Groups

The report is still being drafted.

Review of Timelines

Jill wants all subcommittee reports by May 9, so that she can pull together a draft of our report that can be revised over the summer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45.