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May 11, 2011

Members Present: J. Constable, J. Kus, J. Parks, A. Parham, P. Newell, P. Amaral

Members Absent: E. Junn (Excused)

Visitors: Dr. P. Trueblood, Dr. A. Hoff, Dr. L. Gonzales, Dr. V. Torres, Dr. X. Fu

The meeting was called to order by Chair Constable at 3:30 p.m. in TA room #117.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 5/4/11.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements.

Today's Fresno Bee ran a story about the impending budget problems of CSU and CSU Fresno. The story mentions Fresno State officials suggesting cuts will "likely lead to layoffs and closing some academic departments or consolidating them with other campuses."

Dr. L. Gonzalez and Dr. V. Torres have submitted a range of new documentation to support the proposed BA in Latin American Studies.

4. New Business.

None

5. Continued discussion of the proposed independent DPT with Dr. P. Trueblood and Dr. A. Hoff

At last week's meeting the UBC noted an apparent discrepancy between the number of total WTU required to be taught to the cohort and the funding for instruction. Dr. Trueblood re-examined the calculation of teaching loads and required courses and re-set the faculty teaching load at 9 WTU and accounted for the involvement of part-time instructors and narrowed the WTU gap. Additional factors affecting WTU are that the program includes clinics and summer terms.

Changes in these aspects of the budget resulted in the program being estimated to operate at a loss for the first year as it is being populated. Dr. Hoff provided a letter indicating his willingness to fund the program at College expense during this period.

MSC to approve the program as discussed based on the potential budget provided being sure to note the sensitivity of the budget on student enrollment numbers and re-review the programs progress in three years.

6. Discussion of the Proposed BA in Latin American Studies with Dr. L. Gonzalez, Dr. V. Torres, and Dr. X. Fu.

Dr. Torres and Dr. L. Gonzalez presented a broad range of new information describing the proposed BA in Latin American Studies including:

A detailed response to the UBC Budget Analysis Guidelines.

A letter of support from Dr. L. Gonzalez indicating financial support for the program should if required.

A survey of freshman and sophomore students indicating interest in the formation of a new program in Latin American Studies.

A spirited discussion ensued regarding availability of classes, where students enrolling in the program would originate (existing or new FTES), history of the previous program and changes in demand for Latin American Studies since that time, and limited documentation of support from other colleges who teach courses in the program.

MSC to approve the program as discussed and re-review the programs progress in three years.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Agenda for Wednesday 18 May 2011.

1. Approval of minutes of 11 May 2011
2. Approval of agenda for 18 May 2011
3. Communications and Announcements
4. New Business
5. Election of UBC Chair for the 2011-2012 Academic Year