Mar 14, 2018

Present: J. Schmidtke (Chair), J. Cummins, D. Nef, R. Pun, M. Richaud, M. Raheem, Z. Jones

Absent:

Excused:

Guests: S. Moore, D. Bernard

Called to order 3:30 pm in Henry Madden Library Room 1222

1. Agenda

MSC approved the agenda for Mar 14, 2018.

1. Minutes of Feb 21 2018  
   1. MSC approved minutes of Feb 21, 2018.
2. Communications and Announcements

No new communication or announcements.

1. Scott Moore and Daniel Bernard met with the committee to discuss concerns raised about the Bachelor of Liberal Studies degree program. The following issues/concerns were address:
   1. Scott discussed that he had spoken at length with Dr. Allison Mandaville, who is leading this project but could not meet with the committee as she is on sabbatical and out of town.
   2. The program is targeting students who left Fresno State before completing their degree and now need to obtain a degree to meet their career goals. There is a significant number of students who fall into this category and the developers of this program believe that there is great potential to attract committed students who can successfully complete the degree program.
   3. Dr. Moore apologized for the several errors that existed in the proposal and explained that it had gone through several iterations with various assumptions and projects and that in the finalized draft some of the numbers (for example on the inconsistence in unit numbers on PAGE 41 of the propose) were not corrected.
   4. Dr. Moore explained that the advisor for the liberal studies program was already employed by the College of Arts and Humanities and thus, the benefit rate of 9% for the ¾ time advisor, was adequate since the remaining benefit costs would be paid by the College.
   5. Because the program is completely on-line the scheduling restrictions are more flexible that a traditional face-to-face program. Consequently, the program can delay starting the program or a particular cohort until at least 27 students have signed up so that the program will not run at a deficit.
2. MSC approved the proposal for the Bachelor’s in Liberal Studies Program.
3. After reviewing the information received from Debbie Astone, it was determined that the information provided was from the unversity’s budget book and lacked sufficient detail to identify how colleges were spending allocated funds. Jim Schmidtke would request additional information from Debbie.
4. The committee discussed sending a letter to Provost Zelezny with a proposal and request for a meeting. The proposal would involve that the UBC review requests from the various colleges to hire new faculty in an effort to decrease the widening gap between the university’s financial needs and the allocation received from the state.
5. Meeting adjourned at 4:40pm

Agenda 18 Apr 2018

1. Approval of agenda.
2. Approval of the minutes of 14 Mar 2018
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. Review of Budget Model
5. New Business

Next meeting 2 May 2018