Notes from 3/12/13 Chairs/Directors Meeting

Present: Probett, Plice, Belch, Varaiya, Salehizadeh, Shore, Whittenburg, Singh, Kawachi, Krentler

Excused: Perez, Cunningham

Guest: Grudnitski, Rhyne

The Committee convened at 9:30AM in the DCR to address three items on the agenda: journal list; honors reception; and standard items for chairs/directors agenda. Grudnitski noted that the current (2009) assigned time policy in effect resides on the CBA website. According to the current guidelines, “To be eligible for an annual teaching load of less than 18 units, a faculty member is expected to document substantial productivity over the prior academic 5-year period.” The FDC, in its charge to “design, implement, and evaluate intellectual contributions standards” begun discussion of “substantial productivity.” As a starting point, the FDC debated the usefulness of a journal list, and agreed that a starting point would be for each department to assemble a list, with 5 A+, 10 A, and 20 B. Grudnitski clarified that the goal is to guide and recognize research productivity, and this would entail a thorough discussion. The Committee concluded that this is a worthwhile initiative and recognized that this is the beginning of a discussion that will follow a transparent and inclusive model.

Singh noted that in a parallel initiative, the Grad Fee Committee had arrived at a list of 8 A journals to assess the deliverable on a Grad Fee grant. It was clear that the two list should be reconciled. Singh will take this back to the Grad Fee Committee for reconciliation.

Probett distributed a list of CBA Special Events for Spring 2013. She noted that there is no longer an Honors Reception held the night before commencement. The alternative is a single CBA commencement reception folding in the honors recognition and induction of new BGS members. Probett explained the rationale for the decision, and open the
floor for any question. Probett also outlined the plan for the Dean's Recognition Event. Other exciting initiatives out of our student advising office include: Linda Lang’s honorary doctorate and the conclusion of the final Toastmasters session.

**At this point in the meeting, Dean Cunningham called in to inform the Committee that the most recent edition of US News has … our MBA program at # 86 in the nation – yes, that is Top 100. Watch out for more on this exciting achievement.**

Singh asked the Committee for suggestions with pursuing a standard agenda (dean’s update, faculty affairs (UG, Grad, IB, CBA), student affairs, financial affairs and other business). He pointed out the need for staff affairs given the organization of our staff. It was noted that the current composition of the Committee is well represented by supervisory staff. Each supervisor committed to a more clear communication path, and solicitation of staff issues to be discussed in the chairs/directors meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30AM.

Regards,

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