

## SEC/VPAA JOINT CONFERENCE MINUTES

December 9, 2008  
2:30 pm

Senate Conference Room  
140 McFall Center

**Present:** Shirley Baugher (substitute Mark Gromko), Alden Craddock, Jim Evans, Emmanuel Guillory, Nancy Orel, Roger Schupp, Ron Shields, Ellen Williams, Rich Hebein

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Vice Chair Shields called the meeting to order.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Update on General Education and Keeling & Associates**

Gromko said that Keeling & Associates would be on campus on January 20 and 21. They were scheduled to meet with CAA, Deans Council and Undergraduate Council and would address Senate at the meeting on January 20. This is still early in the process and at this point they are "fact finding". He invited anyone to submit questions or documents. He said that we were required by state law to have a common curriculum in the state for the first two years. The transfer module and TAGs were efforts in this direction. Regarding general education, Gromko said that we needed to move from a disciplinary distribution model to one based on skills and abilities like the university learning outcomes. Shields spoke in support of developing students' sensibilities, and Evans spoke in support of developing scientific literacy. Williams said it would be more difficult to develop metrics once we move to an outcomes-based model. Gromko said that the goals were to help recruitment and retention and to make us distinctive.

#### **Update on Enrollment and Noel Levitz**

Gromko said that their products are available in several modules and that we bought some of them. This would effect enrollments in 2009-10. The modules purchased identify high school students most likely to enroll and those interested in areas where we have capacity. Other purposes include maximizing aid dollars, identifying at-risk students and making appropriate interventions. He said that applications for fall are substantially down as they are at the other state universities and that we would have to improve yield.

#### **Proposal for Nttf**

Williams reported that ABC and FWC were reviewing the proposal as directed to by vote at the last Senate meeting.

### **ISSUES AND CONCERNS**

Craddock said that EDHD students were having trouble getting the courses they needed in other colleges. Gromko said that we needed a university-wide joint effort to solve this, probably including increasing class sizes. Evans observed that reducing graduate fee waivers could have a serious negative impact. Gromko suggested discussing this with Dean Snively. Shields asked about the timetable for reviewing graduate programs; Gromko said that there was another committee being formed to work on this. Shields pointed out that ad hoc committees needed to be established in consultation with Com/Com; the Senate office needs to receive the membership and charge. [*Charter V.C*]

Evans said that the Arts and Sciences' budget had been severely cut. There had been some historical understandings so that the college could do certain things, and now it was necessary to re-evaluate either the budget or the mission. Gromko said that VPAA Baugher was doing that. Evans said that A&S was being punished and that it would be hard to hire good faculty. He said that grant fund sharing was swept. Shields called for transparency in the budget setting and cutting processes. Gromko said that income and expenses had to balance. Evans said that fee waivers were tuition discounts and that subsidy used to make up for that, but subsidy has dropped. Gromko said that in most programs all graduate students have fee waivers. Evans said that our students make money if you balance subsidy

with fee waivers. Williams said that this has not been clearly explained. She said that we have set up open forums for this purpose and we need more information.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Shields thanked Gromko and adjourned the meeting at 4:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Hebein, Secretary