AP Committee Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2010

Present: L. Brown, K. Stoetzner, D. Laughlin, B. Cole, M. Parris-Bingle, B. Wallace, G. Decker, M. Bird, D. Feenstra, S. Richardson

Guest Speaker: Provost Davis

* Student Centers are helping students to think about their education using My Path and MAP-Works as survey tools. Learning skills are offered to all students through workshops and tutoring.
* Curriculum: Discussion on new degree programs – the Provost is asking: do we want to offer more, are we offering the right things? How will they integrate into our strategic plan?
* New Programs being discusses: Masters in College of Ed (online program), BioEngineering, History, Anthropology, Health Professions, and a full-time MBA program. The Provost indicated that while some are a good idea, others may be spreading us a bit too thin. They will not approve any proposal until they are convinced of its quality.
* Retention/Graduation rates: MTU, MSU, UofM have the highest rates with 70-80%. GVSU is at the top of the next bracket down at 50-56%. GV’s rates are better than the national average, only below the top three listed above.
* Biggest reasons for students to transfer: boyfriend/girlfriend is at another school, or “swirling” – where students transfer to several different schools just to “try them out”.
* Starting to look more closely at non-traditional students, transfer students, veterans, and building pipelines with GRCC, MCC, etc.
* Economic state of GVSU: 5 yrs ago Michigan was the first to cut higher education funding, now 43 states have done so. We are fortunate that we have not had huge cuts all at once, it’s been a gradual process. GV will not cut people or salaries, we will not cut or add programs that undermine what we are doing.
* 50th Anniversary Celebration: GV is an unbelievable story in Higher Education, and the Provost is very happy that we are celebrating this landmark in our history.

Volunteer Hours

* We will promote 50 volunteer hours as the President has challenged all of the GVSU community to do. There will be a link on our website to access the log-in and start counting those hours.
* K. Stoetzner will call the volunteer center for ideas.

AP Groups

* Erin Babson from Salary & Benefits sent a request to asking if all of the AP groups were evenly distributed. All seem to look good except for Group 2: STU, KC, etc. Luanne is the AP liaison on the committee, she will research and get back to us.

AP Open Forum

* May 10, 2011 from 11:30 – 1:00. 2204 KC
* Need to invite a wide variety of persons there to ask questions/discuss items.
* PR-PR-PR!! Start promoting heavily in March.
* Ask Awards Comm. to help in PR.

AP Luncheon

* April 28, 2011 from 11:45-1:00. GRR in KC.
* Theme is 50th Anniversary or possibly “Next 50 Years”?
* Trying to go “green”. No paper invites, possibly e-vites?
* Discussed possible menu and speakers.

AP Awards

* Discussed how they are spreading the word to nominate folks: Student Senate, plugs during Excellence Series, Email postcards, Executive Office email?, University Calendar, Forum, FB, Twitter.
* Meeting next Monday (Oct 25)

Committee Updates  
\* No meetings with Police

* Prof Dev asking if the AP Committee would like general summary of attendance – yes, we would.
* ULT (Provost Chairs) has senior management, AP Comm, Fac Senate, Stu Senate, no reps from COT, police, Facilities. Discussed if they needed to continue to meet, and yes they will. Will hear reports from Fac Senate, Stu Senate, and AP Comm.

My GVSU study

* Neal Rogness and Jeanne Arnold will come to our November meeting to discuss Climate Study to roll out this spring.
* Will meet at 2PM INSTEAD OF 3PM next month!!!
* My Path/MapWorks – online tool to assess how students are doing/study habits/housing environment/etc.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Laughlin