

Minutes of MFC meeting January 26, 2016

Members present: Robert Bifulco, Peter Castro, Azra Hromadzic, Mary Lovely, Yingyi Ma, Bob Murrett, Sarah Pralle, Jim Steinberg, Brian Taylor, Mike Wasylenko

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 1, 2015

Approved.

2. Dean's Report

Committee conducting the Provost search has identified a short-list of final candidates. Plans for faculty involvement in the remainder of the search process has not been communicated.

The strategic planning process is proceeding. Departments have submitted SWOTS to the dean's office. These SWOTs will be discussed in the chairs and directors meeting later today and then in a retreat of chairs, directors and a few others next week. One issue that has been raised by some of the departments concerns the role of Washington programs. Sean O'Keefe is going to lead an informal committee to review this issue. The Dean reiterated his request that the MFC organize a forum for faculty input to identify and/or discuss issues relevant for the strategic plan that cross-cut departments.

3. Preparing a MFC response to Senate AAC's PoP and Teaching Professor Proposals

Other faculty councils in the university have submitted formal responses to the Senate's proposed policies for professors of practice and other non-tenure track faculty. Sarah Pralle will lead a small group to prepare a response for the Maxwell Faculty Council. Bob Murrett will be part of that group, and names of professors of practice from other Maxwell department were suggested for inclusion with group. The response that this group prepares will be brought to the full MFC at the next meeting.

4. Report from Subcommittee on Z report

Sarah Pralle has inquired with the provost's office and the Office of Institution Research and Assessment about whether the Z-report on faculty salaries published or not, and has not received clear answers. Sarah will draft a statement requesting the Z-report be published and the information on when that will happen be provided to the MFC and faculty. The MFC will vote on the statement at the next meeting. Also, Sarah agreed to go attend the next meeting of University Senate to inquire about plans to issue the report.

5. Strategic Plan – what next for Maxwell?

At the retreat of chairs and directors next week, lists of school strengths, weakness, opportunities and threats that cut across departments will be identified and reported to the MFC. MFC will then organize a faculty-wide forum to take place in mid-February to discuss the list of issues

identified. Faculty will be given an opportunity to comment on the set of issues identified and also suggest any additional issues they believe ought to be addressed in the final SWOT report prepared by the Dean's office. The MFC will prepare a report to the dean's office summarizing the results of the forum.

6. Associate Dean's Report

Mike Wasylenko presented and discussed a report on the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget. Estimated final revenues compare favorably to amount of revenues budgeted. Tuition revenues, in particular, are higher than projected in the budget. Also, salaries and benefits are lower than projected by budget. Financial aid discounts charged to the school, however, are greater than budgeted. On net, estimated final Net Change in Carryover Balance is greater (i.e more positive) than budgeted.