

1 ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2 Minutes

3 January 25, 2013

4 10:00 a.m. – PAC 591

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6 1) Call to Order

- 7 a. Teresa Szabo called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.
8 b. Members present include Jeannie Capranica, Donna Haynes, John
9 Snyder, Teresa Szabo, Amanda Winters, Jeri Frederick, Raymond
10 Barnett, and Maureen Hoover

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12 2) Approval of Agenda

- 13 a. Jeannie moved to approve the agenda
14 b. The motion was seconded by Donna Haynes
15 c. Motion approved.

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17 3) Approval of Minutes

- 18 a. Donna noted that her name had been left out of the list of people who
19 had attended the pension meeting.
20 b. Motion to approve with change noted was made by John Snyder
21 c. The motion was seconded by Amanda Winters
22 d. Motion approved.

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24 4) Treasurer's Report

- 25 a. Greg Mayes was unable to attend the meeting, but sent the treasurer's
26 report to Teresa. Greg has ordered the refreshments for the annual
27 APAC meeting to be held on February 12th. He plans on using money
28 from the Provost's subsidy to cover the costs. Donna suggested that
29 the holiday party money would wipe out the Provost's subsidy so
30 Teresa will ask Greg about applying the party money to the annual
31 meeting costs.

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33 5) Announcements

- 34 a. Jeannie passed out a flyer on the events that are being planned for
35 Black History month. She also circulated information the some
36 webinars that are being sponsored by the Diversity Center.
37 b. Teresa announced that the faculty/staff campaign will kick-off on
38 February 27th in the Sangamon Auditorium lobby. This year's theme
39 is "Under the Sea".

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41 6) Old Business

- 42 a. The Human Capital Strategy meeting that UPPAC had scheduled in
43 December was redirected as the report was not yet available. Teresa is
44 trying to find out the status of the report through Tammy Craig.
45 Tammy said that the committee met a couple of weeks ago and again
46 this week. Only one representative from UIS was available to meeting

47 this week. Toni Langdon told Teresa that draft two of the report is
48 complete. If any additional edits need to be made, the group will meet
49 via conference call. UPPAC wants to review the final version and
50 submit comments as needed.

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- 52 b. UPPAC had met to discuss the HCS report, but focused the discussion
53 on the SUCCS Public Hearing scheduled for January 3rd. Maureen
54 Parks had organized speakers throughout the state to speak at the
55 hearing. She met with Dr. Pardie to assist her in writing a response
56 from UIS and took direction for the tone of comments to be made by
57 others at the hearing. UPPAC discussed the content of the response
58 that Kostas was preparing, representing UPPAC members.

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60 Teresa, Lynn Fisher and Jeri all attended the January 3rd hearing. Bob
61 Lael, Mark Owen and Dr. Pardie were also in attendance. Dr. Pardie
62 spoke on behalf of UIS and other public university representatives,
63 mostly from U of I, gave testimony as well. There were 3 people who
64 spoke in favor of the SUCCS proposal, all others at the hearing were
65 opposed. There were 3 Merit Board members present for the hearing.
66 The meeting ran about 2 hours and there were approximately 80
67 people in attendance. Kostas included in his comments, copies of the
68 comments that had been submitted by AP members during the first
69 introduction of the proposed amendment last spring. The Merit Board
70 vote on the proposed amendment at their meeting at the end of
71 January.

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- 73 c. APAC Annual Meeting – Unfortunately, the annual meeting overlaps
74 with the Career Center’s Career Fair. This was the only date the
75 Chancellor had available in February. Teresa asked Jerry Burhart if he
76 met with the Chancellor or Provost in advance of the meeting in past
77 years and he reported that he allowed the Chancellor and Provost to
78 determine their own agenda for the meeting. There was some
79 speculation on the comments they might make about the pension,
80 budget and/or SUCCS amendment. Teresa will contact their office’s
81 and see if she can find out what they’d like to address at the meeting.
82 Teresa will also contact Rebecca Jones and ask her if she’d like to
83 present something on the status of the Human Capitol Strategy report.
84 A reception will be held ½ prior to the beginning of the meeting at 2
85 p.m.

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87 7) New Business

- 88 a. Teresa hasn’t heard anything new on the pension reform issue. She
89 will wait and see the Chancellor addresses the issue at the annual
90 meeting. Maureen asked of the university employees were involved in

91 the state employees efforts to address the issue. Donna Hayes doesn't
92 think we are being included in their efforts.

- 93 b. The CSAC Chair, Bobbi Fults, sent Teresa an email regarding a policy
94 for staff to file complaints against campus police. As it stands, there is
95 only a policy in place for faculty and students to file complaints.
96 Teresa doesn't know what happened, but a Civil Service staff had
97 apparently made an attempt to file a complaint with the campus police
98 and learned that there isn't a policy in place. Amanda Winters asked
99 why the faculty policy wouldn't cover other staff. Teresa has asked
100 Bobbi, or her representative to attend our February and bring us up to
101 date on their research into the issue.

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103 c. Teresa sent out notes and handouts from the November Board of
104 Trustees meeting that she had attended. She reported that there is a
105 new sexual harassment policy in response to the situation at Penn.
106 State. Employees will receive training on the new policy. Amanda
107 reported that she had attended a training last year, but that this training
108 might be more comprehensive.

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110 8) Committee Updates

- 111 a. Campus Senate – Raymond Barnett

112 Ray missed the last campus senate meeting due to illness.

113 December 14th Campus Senate meeting overview:

- 114 • Dr. Wassenberg is stepping down from her position as Dean,
115 and rejoining the faculty full-time. The search for the new
116 PAA Dean has been moved to February.
- 117 • EHS is also searching for a new Dean and should have
118 candidates soon.
- 119 • Dr. Pardie is holding the first task force meeting on new
120 curriculum recommendations.
- 121 • The state has paid the U of I a portion of the appropriations
122 money.
- 123 • New academic advisors are being hired in LAS and the
124 Undergraduate Advising Center.
- 125 • Information Technology Services is creating an online
126 orientation for online transfer students. A suggestion was
127 made that an online orientation for all online students should be
128 considered. Jeri mentioned that she and several other online
129 coordinators had created one several years ago and was
130 scheduled to be adopted. No one knows what happened to all
131 of the work.

- Transfer numbers are flat due to competition in the area. UIS is continuing marketing efforts for students. UIS has a good reputation for working with all kinds of students.
- The HDC program is moving forward with their transition.
- A resolution was passed regarding the academic freedom of faculty being able to express themselves in and outside of the classroom.
- A new minor proposal for Liberty Studies is in the works.
- Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC) is catching on. A new MOOC is beginning in February and addresses the Emancipation Proclamation.
- The full meeting minutes can be accessed on the Campus Senate website:
<http://www.uis.edu/campussenate/docs/prior.html>

b. CSAC – Did not meet in January.

c. Clay was not present to report on the APAC website.

d. Barbara Cass was not aware that we were meeting today, so there isn't a report on the CAPE award.

9) Comments

A tuition increase was passed by the Board of Trustees. It is the smallest tuition increase passed in many years.

10) Motion to adjourn by Amanda Winters and seconded by Ray Barnett.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m. ??? I didn't note the time.

Next meeting – February 14, 2013, 9:00 a.m. Brookens 204D