Campus Council

September 10, 2015

Members Present: Tim Eichers, Mike Polcen, Will Straight, Bridget Pool, Randy Fournier, Laura Siko, Mary Frances Vito

Members Absent: Nathan Arthur

Meeting called to order: 12:34 PM

Old Business

Council Membership

- With Diane Mucci’s departure, a faculty seat has opened on the campus council. Based on the Spring 2015 election the next elected faculty is a tie between Nelson Kofie and Nathan Leslie. The campus has decided to offer both faculty members a seat on the council, as enrollment growth at Loudoun Campus has grown in previous years and a larger council is reflective of that increase.

- For the classified representatives, Mary Frances Vito is the lone classified representative from Loudoun at this time. The council suggests in lieu of running a ‘special election,’ it would be prudent to ask for a classified appointee from one of the campus administrators.

- Council chairperson- Will Straight was nominated by Tim Eichers for chair, seconded by Mike Polcen. His election was confirmed in a 7-0 vote. Tim Eichers was elected Vice Chair in a 7-0 vote. Laura Siko will continue to serve as Secretary.

- Senators- Faculty (Mike Polcen, Bridget Pool, alternate: Will Straight) Administrative (Laura Siko, alternate: Randy Fournier) Classified (TBD) Laura will reach out to new faculty members Nathan Leslie and Nelson Kofie to ask if they are available to attend senate, as Bridget cannot attend senate meetings due to her class schedule.

New Business

Certificate Programs

Will Straight provided an update on the credential/certificate program that was introduced in Council last year. This program would find ways to credit work experience of students who may be only a few courses shy of the credential. Campus Council’s role would be to review, make recommendations, and advocate for the program. Some members are concerned about the breadth of the project and the role of Campus Council. Will will meet with Dr. Leidig to discuss the project.

From April 2015 minutes: Will Straight presented a draft proposal detailing the “White Star Certification”- a certified credential indicating a “client” has
demonstrated satisfactory understanding of program content. Clients could accrue a constellation of White Star Certifications and “stack” credentials applying them toward a degree. The assessments would be comparable to CLEP tests and clients would need to demonstrate significant work experience before applying to the program.

HEC

Randy pointed out students have requested some outdoor furniture for the exterior of the building facing the pond. Others commented on the difficulty of traveling between HEC and LC. A pathway between the two buildings would be helpful.

October ‘Fall Break’ Days

There is some ambiguity regarding the October 12-13 fall break days which are now denoted on the college calendar as “professional development” days for teaching faculty. Several faculty members have decided to talk to their deans about expectations for those days.

Parking During Activities

Bridget expressed concern that parking was a major issue during Meet the Clubs Day held behind LR today. Several students were late for classes because parking was full. Coordination between student activities and parking is warranted, as is better communication to the campus community about potential delays.

Parking Hangtags

Council suggests taking the following issues to Senate:

1. A choice between hangtags and stickers
2. Or issuance of multiple hangtags for faculty with multiple vehicles

Faculty Offices

Mike provided an update on the faculty office reallocation due to renovation of LR. Two options (as determined by Mike and the office working group) will be presented in a Town Hall session scheduled in the upcoming weeks.

Next meeting:

October 8th, 12:30 PM – Council will meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Meeting adjourned: 1:38 PM