

Alexandria Campus Forum Council

Minutes

March 17, 2017

Meeting called to order at 1:05

In attendance: Nicole Cintas, Momina Di Blasio, Maggie Emblom-Callahan (phone), Matt Fox, Janet Giannotti, Nathaniel Gorems, Kelly Hebron, Katie Hoskins, Jack Lechelt (phone), Kevin Pace, Kirstin Riddick, Ruth Takushi, Matt Todd, Frances Villagran-Glover

I. Updates on CFAC (Chancellor's Faculty Advisory Committee) and Strategic Planning Initiatives

Guest: Dr. Charlie Errico (Special Assistant, Strategic Plan, Communications Liaison) presented updates from both CFAC and the Strategic Planning process.

1. From CFAC, updates included
 - a. The system-wide issue of enrollment and retention
 - b. System-wide concerns and initiatives concerning dual enrollment
 - c. The issue of faculty work load for lab hours in the sciences
 - d. A possible new initiative: Paid parental leave
2. Strategic Planning updates included
 - a. Informed Pathways
 - b. Advising Centers and iPass
 - c. Workforce Development

Dr. Errico reminded the Council that Dr. Ralls will be on campus April 3rd for an open forum to further discuss details. In addition, NOVA TV will air an interview with Dr. Ralls that Dr. Errico is preparing.

It was reported that the Learning Councils have turned over their feedback to the Executive Committee for review.

Questions for Dr. Errico included whether more high-school outreach is being discussed and a clarification of the role of the consulting firm Keeling and Associates.

II. February 17, 2017 minutes were approved with corrections (typos).

III. Old Business and Updates

- A. Rewards and Recognition, Elections, Netherton
 - a. Rewards and Recognition sub-committee meeting: postponed until March 31
 - b. Netherton update
 - i. 2 nominations received so far, deadline in one week
 - ii. Meeting on April 7 to vote; If you can't attend, send a proxy

- iii. Janet reported that she has asked for a meeting with Dr. Haggray to discuss the April 28 ceremony.
- c. Elections for 2017-2018 are proceeding as planned.

IV. New Business and Reports

- A. Report from College Senate (see College Senate Agenda)
 - a. It was reported that the Senate examined the upcoming academic calendar and that there were some concerns about the early start date in January, 2018
 - i. A motion was made and carried that the Alexandria Forum Council communicate to the College Senate chair that we support a later start date in January.
 - b. Other topics from the College Senate included dual enrollment, upcoming Forum elections, a legislative update, and a discussion of a proposal to have faculty add descriptions of nine College policies to their syllabi.
 - c. Commencement will be May 14 at 3:00. It was noted that faculty attendance is encouraged.
- B. Other New Business
 - a. Our last regular meeting of 2016-2017 will be on April 21 at 1:00. The first meeting of the 2017-2018 Council will be called by Dr. Haggray with the purpose of holding elections for the new Council. It was noted that one meeting could directly follow the other, e.g. meet from 1:00 to 1:30 for wrap up and then welcome new members and hold elections at 1:30.
 - b. There will be an Adjunct Appreciation Day event, April 27, 4:00 to 6:30.

Meeting adjourned at 2:56