May 19, 2004, 1:30 am., UW2 327

Present: Colin Danby, Patricia Kelley, Andrea Kovalesky, Mike Stiber, Jane Van Galen, Barbara Van Sant and Linda Watts

Guests: JoLynn Edwards, Bruce Burgett, Kanta Kochhar-Lindgren, Tana Hasart and Steve Holland

Update/Discussion on MACS Proposal - JoLynn Edwards, Bruce Burgett and Kanta Kochhar-Lindgren

JoLynn opened discussion on the Response to Statement of Findings on MACS, the Master of Arts in Cultural Studies. The Proposal Committee gathered information and feedback previously from the EC and presented those findings with responses back to the EC for consultation and further input. JoLynn stated that the timeline for the proposal to be submitted to the UW Graduate School for external responses will be July 1, 2004. The program will build pathways to other institutions and to careers.

1. Regional Economic Growth and Employment Projections.

Economic and employment projections have been updated and the critical role of the arts and culture in building communities as been elaborated. MACS will contribute to long-term regional job growth and diversification by supporting faculty and students who cultivate partnerships between the campus and the community it serves.

2. Potential Student Enrollments.

Educational goals of the MACS program are to prepare for further graduate education in an interdisciplinary field in the arts, humanities and/or social sciences and to enhance existing careers or pursue new careers within organizations across the public, non-profit and private sectors.

3. Consulting and Collaborating with other UWB Programs.

Consultation with faculty and staff across UWB indicate that MACS will provide an opportunity for the enhancement of interdisciplinary work with current Masters programs on campus, faculty could share or co-teach courses. Community-based projects and service-learning sites could encourage faculty development and in depth partnerships.

4. Faculty Workload and Staffing Levels.

Integrating Community-based projects throughout the program creates a model that makes management of those projects sustainable, benefiting teaching, research and service demands.

5. Budget

IAS has determined that 2.5 new faculty lines will be adequate to run the program, with one-half time position for office administrator. MACS can also serve other program’s needs in various curricular areas.
and provide additional students for other program’s courses. The FTE tracking questions need to be worked out in consideration of cross-programmatic linkages.

Any feedback or input regarding the MACS proposal should be sent to JoLynn Edwards, Bruce Burgett or Kanta Kochhar-Lindgren. JoLynn expressed thanks to EC for their consultation on this proposal.

Update on electoral issues

Linda briefed the EC on the status of GFO Committees and leadership offices. Kevin Laverty will run for the Vice Chair of GFO. There are a few committee representative positions open, but most of the committees are constituted. Linda stated the importance of the responsibility of shared governance and the GFO role of being stakeholders in campus issues. Faculty Senators have not been nominated, the 2707 work groups will be formed by the end of this month. The June 2 EC meeting will be dedicated to meeting with the Tri-Campus Task Force. Jack Meszaros will attend with members of the Tri-Campus Task Force to conduct a listening session for faculty to voice opinions and comments on their vision of a tri-campus university.

Co-enrollment, Co-admission - Tana Hasart and Steve Holland

Tana presented information to the EC on plans for creating a model for co-enrollment and co-admission with other institutions at UWB. The operational systems side of Student Affairs is examining successful ways to implement pathways for students to earn a BA degree. Academic leadership, faculty and program directors are being consulted on this process so that areas like program control over admissions are not compromised. The end result of this initiative is for students to identify pathways to earning a degree and becoming academically prepared for course work at UWB. These pathways could begin in high school or at community colleges; joint advising and better-developed articulation could expedite early admission to upper division courses. Partnerships with these institutions could develop gateway courses with core skills or learning requirements and help our campus make strategic decisions on phasing in lower division courses. The timeline for this initiative is Winter 2005.

Approval of EC Minutes

EC Minutes of April 28, 2004 were unanimously approved.

Other business

Mike Stiber announced that Tony Guerrero, Director of Facility Services, has requested that any faculty comments or suggestions on service pertaining to UWB Physical Plant be sent to him.

Minutes submitted by Barbara Van Sant