March 28, 2005, 2:00 pm., UW2 327

Present: Kevin Laverty, Jim Miller, Clark Olson, Bill Seaburg, Jane Van Galen and Linda Watts

Guests: Tom Bellamy, Bruce Burgett, Becky Reed Rosenberg and Professor Okui, visiting professor from Ehime University, Japan.

Introduction of Professor Okui

Kevin introduced and welcomed Professor Okui, from Ehime University, Japan to the EC.

Center on Community Partnerships - Bruce Burgett and Becky Reed Rosenberg

Bruce and Becky met with the EC to review the proposal summary for the Center for Civic Engagement and Community Partnerships. The proposal included the summary of interviews conducted to gain feedback and input from across campus on the Center. The questions addressed by the summary were:

1. What is currently happening in your program/department in terms of community engagement and/or partnerships?
2. How is this work supported?
3. What could/should a Center do to better support Community Partnerships at UWB?
4. Whom else should we talk with in your program?

The proposal intersects with other initiatives and projects on campus, including the Academic Strategic Action Initiatives (5-for-5) recommendation to create an administrative support system for experiential learning and action research. The Center is an initial step toward moving in the direction of that 5-for-5 theme.

EC discussion points:

- Staging new ventures on campus - which of these ventures will have the most positive and pervasive impact at a campus level?
- If the Center is initially housed in TLC, at what point will it move to its own office?
- How does the Center overlap with other campus initiatives and proposals, both the 5-for-5 initiatives and the Office of Sponsored Programs, where are the overlaps most productive?
- Implementation has not begun on the 5-for-5 initiatives, the status of these initiatives and data gathering to assess prioritizing different proposals has not been done.
- How will demands for funding with limited resources be allocated for different projects?
- Strategic planning must consider all campus projects and not focus on any project in isolation; all projects must receive equal consideration.
- Existing group work of 5-for-5 must be honored; implementation of the initiatives is an on-going process.
- What needs will the campus still have, if the Center is funded?
- How do we employ smart management of the database that will inventory research on campus - the Center for Civic Engagement and Community Partnerships, the Office of Sponsored Programs or other?
What percentage of the faculty would benefit, does this align with the full faculty support?

The role of the EC to advise on matters involving resource allocation and budget involves assuming responsibility to review and make recommendations where significant budget implications are proposed. A statement from the EC on whether this proposal is in alignment with the 5-for-5 initiatives will be drafted.

Update of Tri-Campus Program Review Procedures

Kevin updated the EC on the Tri-campus curriculum review of three proposals:

1. Proposal for a Minor in Applied Computing (UWT)
2. Proposal for a BA in Computing and Software Systems (UWT)
3. Proposal for a Minor in Policy Studies (UWB)

The GFO Curriculum Committee, as the coordinating body for UWB will review undergraduate program changes and respond to the Secretary of the Faculty if no comment is needed, or refer the proposal to the EC for advisement if further consideration is recommended. The closing date for the proposals is April 11.

Strategic Planning/GFO Committees for 2005-2006

Kevin reviewed the GFO committee structure with the EC and discussed the possible re-organization of the committees to better serve faculty and shared governance. The role of the EC in strategic planning and budget building will be revisited and discussed. GFO committees could be re-structured for 2005 - 2006. An assessment of the committees will be made at the end of a year and decisions to revise the GFO by-laws could be made at that time.

Agenda items for April 11 EC meeting:

Discussion of EC role in strategic planning and budgeting and GFO committee structure.

Next EC meeting will be Monday, April 11, 2005.

Minutes submitted by Barbara Van Sant