

## College Council Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2017

The meeting of the College Council was called to order at 11:20 a.m.; Dean Fabritius presided. The minutes of the February 16, 2017, College Council meeting were approved as distributed.

### Deans' Reports

Dean Fabritius read a short note from President Roush who is away on College business. In his note, President Roush said he will, as usual, send the College community an update following the Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for later this month. Dean Fabritius then gave an update on the searches for the Director of the Center for Global Citizenship and the Director of Information Technology and Chief Information Officer. She added that the Faculty continues to work on curricular reform and a review of the criteria for tenure and promotion.

Dean Hays noted that it is Sexual Assault Awareness month and several activities have been scheduled to coincide with that event. Training for new RAs begins tonight and the housing selection process for next year is ongoing. Finally, Carnival has been scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Dean Fabritius acknowledged the work of Ellen Prusinski and her team in hosting the recent statewide conference on engaged and experiential learning.

Reporting for Dean Nesmith, Kevin Lamb thanked the many people assisting with last week's Scholarship Weekend. He noted that we are down slightly in applications, following a record year last year. However, we are tracking about the same in the number of campus visits and admitted students, and we are up slightly in deposits (which is likely attributable to an earlier release of financial aid awards). Applications from international students are not down as they are at many other schools. Our target number for new students is 395-405.

### Planning and Priorities Committee

Patrick Noltemeyer reported that subcommittees continue their discussions of things we can stop doing as well as things we should continue to do. Information has gone out campuswide regarding the creation of a Campus Master Plan. There have been four (well attended) forums for faculty and staff and two more scheduled for students and as well as another one for facilities staff. So far, five broad themes have emerged: community, culture, flexibility, safety and sustainability.

Patrick opened the floor for additional questions and comments. Jim Morrison noted the possible need for additional classroom and office space, as well as space for large gatherings, especially if we anticipate enrollment growth. The need for sacred space was mentioned, as well as classroom space that can accommodate a variety of teaching styles and technologies. Patrick noted that we do have plans in the coming year to build a new residence hall at the site of the old soccer field.

Preston Miles lauded the inclusion of an energy master plan in the Campus Master Plan. He then made a motion that we incorporate the goals from the Climate Action Plan officially into the Campus Master Plan. Following some "point of order" discussion, it was determined that discussion of the motion could not continue according to Council by-laws. Specifically, the by-laws state: "Proposals for Council action, whether originating with a committee or an individual member, shall be distributed with the agenda of the meeting at least three days in advance. No substantive motion shall be debated or put to a vote until the motion shall have been submitted to the secretary in writing..." It was noted that there are provisions in the by-laws for calling a special meeting of the Council. Patrick concluded by saying that given the interest in topics related to sustainability in the forums, he was confident that sustainability would be emphasized in the Campus Master Plan.

### **Undergraduate Research Committee**

Ellen Prusinski and Lenny Demoranville noted that the 10<sup>th</sup> annual RICE symposium is scheduled for April 13th. The symposium will include 57 oral presentations, 35 poster presentations, and three artistic exhibitions. To encourage attendance, raffle tickets will be given to those attending symposium events.

### **Sexual Harassment and Misconduct Committee**

Kay Drake reported that the committee has scheduled several Sexual Misconduct Prevention FAQ sessions for faculty and staff. The committee is also working on addressing a number of concerns that have been expressed by students, including providing easier access to our sexual violence and misconduct policies, inadequate lighting at certain locations on campus, and the need for more programming. Jacob Raderer described a new group called SPEAC (Students for Prevention, Education and Advocacy in the Community), organized to serve as a student advisory group to the College's Title IX team. Though off to a slow start, the group has a couple of activities planned for the remainder of the term.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Tim Culhan, Secretary

#### Present:

Maria Apostolova-Mihaylova  
Kathy Butterfield  
Laura Chinchilla  
Willie Costley  
Lenny Demoranville  
Kay Drake  
Anne Evans  
Stephanie Fabritius

Mark Galatowitsch  
Karen Gill  
Randy Hays  
Danielle La Londe  
Kevin Lamb  
Sarah Lashley  
Patten Mahler  
Preston Miles

Jim Morrison  
Megan Noltemeyer  
Patrick Noltemeyer  
Ellen Prusinski  
Jacob Raderer  
Kaelyn Wiles  
Ann Young  
Kari Young