

Liberal Arts and Professions subcommittee
February 15, 2008
Chapman Hall 211

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 10:07 Rhonda Montgomery chairing.

Present: Rhonda Montgomery, Cindy Kluge, Alan Horowitz, Jin Zhang, Johannes Britz, Scott Emmons, Gwat-Lie Yong, Sarah Freeman, Kanti Prasad, Stan Stojkovic, Simone Conceicao, Mohsen Bahmani-Oskooee, Peter Geissinger, Laura Pedrick, Patricia Arredondo, Helena Pycior, Gil Snyder, Richard Meadows, Christine Scott Thomson, Susan Stalewski, Dev Venugopalan, Gregory Bird (Citizen observer)

2. Approval of the minutes from the November 28, 2007 meeting

Minutes approved as presented.

3. a) Master Planning online questionnaire for department chairs and major center directors:

http://www4.uwm.edu/master_plan/

https://www4.uwm.edu/uwm/master_plan/survey/ (for chairs to log in)

Laura Pedrick reviewed the web interface for reviewing the survey entries from departments and centers.

b) Decide procedures for the report of academic surveys sent to Liberal Arts and Professions Sub Committee

Alan Horowitz, Chair of Engineering and Basic Sciences subcommittee presented the procedure adopted by that subcommittee for reviewing and reporting on the academic surveys. In the first stage, the subcommittee will be aggregating the input under the topics of research, collaborations (interdisciplinary, linkages), undergraduate programs, graduate programs and special space/resource needs. In the second stage, the subcommittee will look for themes, items that may have been missed earlier, take another look in broader context across departments. The committee members will work individually with each department/center being looked at by two individuals. The committee is looking for salient information in the input from dept/centers.

Discussion took place on the scope of the subcommittee's work. Concern was raised that the subcommittee not rank the information so as not to give the impression that this is like a "PAR" process. The consensus was that the subcommittee should gather and organize the information in a report and refrain from evaluating the input from departments at this stage.

Consensus on adopting the same procedure as the Engineering and Basic Science

subcommittee to organize the information and report was reached. Discussion on what decisions rules to apply to determine saliency. Saliency should be related to the campus mission of increasing extramurally funded research, student success, and stature of the university. It was agreed that in the first pass, the information provided by each department/center would be summarized in the report in the format to be agreed upon by the subcommittee chairs. Subsequently, the committee will look at all of the information and decide how to organize the information in themes.

4. New Business
None

5. Adjourned at 11:11.

Recorded by Dev Venugopalan