INTRA-UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

April 29, 2014; 8:30 a.m.
215 Business Bldg

PRESENT: Rowland (chair), Palmer (vice chair), Aurand, Butler, Eberle, Enama, Jett, Irwin, Krajsa, Lagoa, Le, and Yin.

ABSENT: Ansary, Babu, Knapp, Lawlor, Lesk, Miller, Nasereddin, Shurgalla, Thomas, and Wilburne.


II. Chair’s report (10-20 minutes).
   a. Information/announcements/communications, etc..
   b. Report from Officers & Chairs Meeting.
   c. Additional matters of interest.

III. Full committee Workshop: Come prepared to make significant headway on the following item:

   On April 13, 2014, Mary Beth Williams, Maggie Slattery and Janet Schulenberg, Co-Chairs Gen Ed Task Force, requested input from Senate Committee on Intra-University Relations. Their request reads:

   On behalf of our colleagues serving on the General Education Planning and Oversight Task Force (GETF), we write to follow up on the presentation that was made at the March 18th University Faculty Senate meeting.

   We would like to request input from the Senate Committee on Intra-University Relations as we work toward developing a proposal for the general education curriculum, and in particular on the following question:

   How can we maximize communication and collaboration among faculty, across colleges and campuses, to create an active, fully engaged general education faculty or institute?

   A summarized and anonymized report will be sent out to Mary Beth Williams, Maggie Slattery and Janet Schulenberg, the Co-Chairs Gen Ed Task Force, by May 13, 2014.

IV. Additionally, we are being asked to consider reports for next year; please come prepared to brainstorm a list of reports that might be considered for production in next year’s committee.
1. **Informational Report**: Draft a report about the current state of relations in the University between the campuses, mainly, with an eye toward concern regarding the lack of communication and lack of collaboration that, understand to be the case.

2. **Informational Report**: Another aspect of the Fixed-Term concern for IRC; consider recruitment and qualifications of Fixed-Term hires. Concern was voiced that traditional search committees could be reviewed; hiring can be brisk and normal procedures may not be followed, or, at minimum, we could learn if it is or if it is not, and then what to do about it work with Faculty Affairs to determine what, if anything, should be done.

3. **Advisory/Consultative Report**: Suggestion to ask the Senate Office to compile reports from the campuses to be a part of the formal Senate record; if we are one University, then we are also one Senate.

4. **Unknown report type**: With regard to the last fixed-term report, we asked for planning for faculty composition; we should either ask for some clarification about how that will be handled OR report back once it is underway (or report that nothing is underway).

5. **Informational Report**: We have already prepared and will submit our student transition report, which is due every two years.

6. **Informational or Forensic Report**: Interest in approaching the internationalization of Penn State issue with a special eye on how University Park appears to be more internationalized by a significant margin than the campuses, according to our background research; in so far as this is the case, we are concerned that efforts to “internationalize” are not happening at the campuses at near the rate then are at UP.

V. Remaining subcommittee meeting, if any (20 minutes).

   Tim Palmer handed-out the forthcoming draft on student transition; Jett will do the same later on for his report on internationalization. Both are already drafted and under review.

VI. Wrap up (5 minutes). Meeting concluded at 10:32am.

**Adjournment – the next meeting will be held on September 9, 2014.**

Minutes submitted by Nicholas Rowland, Committee Chair