SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTRA-UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

Minutes for Meeting #1, September 9, 2014

Members Present:

Members Absent:
J. Eckert, C. Hughes, M. Kanaan, J. Knapp, D. Thomas

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Minutes of April 29, 2014 meeting were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Review of Officers and Chairs meeting.
Introductions of Committee members.
Overview of Committee Priority form.

OLD BUSINESS

The committee revisited the March, 2014 report on The Balance of Faculty Appointment Types and expressed interest in broadening the scope of that report to delve into possible repercussions of the shift in balance of TT/FT appointments, to track the growth of FT faculty at the campuses and at UP, and to review disparities in recruiting and hiring practices across the University.

The Report on Student Transition Issues was voted on and approved by the 2013-2014 Committee. Carolyn Mahan will stand to present the report at the October plenary Senate meeting.

The subcommittee generating an informational report on internationalization will continue its work with some new members. The committee is particularily interested in the unevenness of experiences across campuses, assessment of efforts to raise the number of students pursuing education abroad experiences across the system, and identifying obstacles to campus students and faculty in developing and pursuing international education programs locally. The Chair will contact Vice-Provost for Global Programs M. Adewumi and the Global Programs Committee leadership for an information-sharing visit and collaborative planning at the October meeting. Subcommittee members for 2014-2015 are:

1. Dennis Jett
2. Mike Krajsa
3. Pete Eberly
4. Bill Butler
NEW BUSINESS

The Committee Priority form identifies the formation of a Subcommittee for the Report on Intra-University Relations. A precise charge for the work of the committee and the focus of the report will be discussed at the October meeting. Committee members who volunteered to collaborate on this report are:

1. Rosemarie Petrilla
2. Jane Wilburne
3. Kent Vrana
4. Roger Subramanian
5. Constantino Lagoa
6. Carolyn Mahan

The other subcommittee identified on the Priority Form has not been staffed. This will be revisited at the October meeting.

Vice Chair Krajsa raised the issue of how the committee might promote awareness and incentivize use of the E-learning Network across the Commonwealth Campuses. The committee was reluctant to take up the matter, which might be better addressed by the Commonwealth Caucus, at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Robin Bower