Ad Hoc Committee of Chairs
MINUTES
March 11, 2002

Members present: Paul Alberto, Murray Brown, John de Castro, Mary Finn, Bill Fritz, Christine Gallant, Hugh Hudson Diane Willen), Fenwick Huss, Kurt Keppeler, George Rainbolt, Don Reitzes (for Mary Ann Romski), Andrew Sumner, Lyn Thaxton.


Guest: Joan Carson.

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 p.m. by John de Castro, chair. The first item of business was the approval of the January 14th minutes. The minutes were approved with no changes.

Joan Carson, Senior Faculty Associate for Program Review, addressed the committee. She distributed a handout on Academic Program Review draft recommendations, a draft calendar, and a draft template and, after reviewing them in depth, asked for feedback. It was agreed that Academic Program Review is critical for strategic planning. There was discussion regarding how the Senate can stay involved in the process once the APR report is reviewed and approved by APACE. Dr. de Castro suggested that the report go to P&D for action plan development and to the Budget Committee for budgetary discussions. After the Provost develops an action plan, that should be shared with the Senate as well. The follow-up report should also be shared with the Senate. From the standpoint of the triennial evaluations of administrata Faculty Affairs should be included in the process as well. There was some concern that the process not get bogged do in Senate committees. It was suggested that after APACE approves the report, it could be sent to the Senate as an information item. Fenwick Huss suggested that all of the reports (the APR report, the external review report, the action plan, etc.) should be made public. This could be through the Associate Provost’s webpage, possibly with restricted acc Dr. Carson stated that the draft recommendations will be sent to APACE soon for review and then on to the full Senate approval. Dr. de Castro would like to have Dr. Carson back to address this group for a follow-up and to discuss the Administrative and Support Unit Assessment process.

The next item of business was a discussion of staff representation on the Senate. Christine Gallant gave a history and overview of this proposal and where it stands now with the Cultural Diversity Committee. She stated that the Cultural Diversity Committee will be meeting the next day. Hugh Hudson addressed the committee regarding staff represenati He strongly supports the notion of not allowing staff to become Senate members. He feels that this would weaken the authority of the Senate. He distributed information from the BOR Policy Manual which outlines faculty rules and regulations. Dr. de Castro stated that he disagreed with that view and that adding ten staff would make the Senate more inclusive. Discussion continued on this issue. Presently, the current motion (to add 19 staff Senators elected from each district plus the SAC President) is slated to be discussed at the March meeting of the Statutes and Bylaws Committee.

There being no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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committee assistant