

Faculty Advisory Committee Meeting

March 12, 2018

10:15 a.m.

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Keith Moreland, Emily Feuerherm, Pamela Ross McClain, Laura Friesen, Christina Aplin-Kalisz

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lisa Lapeyrouse and Yong Wei Wu (Student Representative)

OUTREACH STAFF PRESENT: Paula Nas, Annette Patterson, Gary Ashley

OTHER ATTENDEES: None

WELCOME: K. Moreland brought the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Meeting minutes of February 12, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Minutes were approved as submitted.

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE/RUBRIC: As a reminder, the applicants and their information will be masked for an unbiased review process. Discussion ensued regarding the essay, rubric and community service and how they will be weighted. It was suggested to incorporate both Christina Aplin-Kalisz' rubric and the one provided by Lisa Lapeyrouse to create one complete document for scoring applicants. The rubric should include community service participation, such as years of service, history of service. The section could include considering whether the applicant is Beginning, somewhat involved, or very involved in community service. It was suggested to reduce the weight of essays/service depending on which scholarship is being considered because the Saab scholarship highlights the importance of applicants with community service and requires more hours of service. The Freeman application also does not include an essay requirement while the Saab requires an essay specifically detailing community service involvement. E. Feuerherm will adjust rubric to reflect the weight of essay and community service experience.

Gary Ashley reported that because the Freeman scholarship does not have a living donor, any changes to the requirements can be implemented in the future. Changes have already been made which will require regular meetings with scholarship recipients to ensure they are on track to complete service requirements.

It was suggested that perhaps in the future someone from Financial Aid can attend a meeting to discuss the application process and provide additional clarification.

Discussion ensued regarding the rating scale to make all categories on a 1-3 scale. Suggest the GPA scale be 1 point for gpa 3-3.33, 2 points for gpa 3.34 – 3.7 and 3 points for 3.71 and above.

The Saab scholarship review process can use the same scale but perhaps using a scale of 1-6 for community service to reflect the higher requirement of community service.

It was recommended to use a Google document so that all staff can review the rubric and make any suggested corrections.

EDA UNIVERSITY CENTER APPLIED RESEARCH FUND RFP: P. Nas discussed the EDA University Center Research fund which will be used for Spring/Summer work. Faculty are encouraged to apply. Economic Development can be connected to various topics and classes and funds can be used. There is an online application for those interested in applying. The project includes seven counties from Shiawassee east to St. Clair to the Thumb area. Quick projects can be a starting point for a larger project. The Provost is in support of the project and is encouraging faculty to apply for funds. Please email Paula if you have any additional questions.

UPDATE ON DISCUSSIONS OF ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIPS WITH DEANS: C

Christina Aplin-Kalish met with Marge Andrews in the Nursing Department to discuss engaged scholarship/T & P process and she is very supportive.

Keith Moreland discussed his meeting with Scott Johnson the Dean of SOM. They discussed the two levels and an interest in the Boyer model and scholarship activities as well as recognizing the efforts of engaged scholarship and learning. Caution should be used when rewarding activities that reviewers may not consider as meritorious as other activities. K. Moreland indicated that he will try to write some changes over the summer as to what is counted as scholarly activities. Research seems to be emphasized more than service activities when it comes to T & P.

E. Feurherm indicated she will be meeting with her Dean on Thursday, March 15th. She will be able to report more after that initial meeting.

P. Ross-McLane has spoken with the Dean regarding T & P and engaged scholarship activities. There still seems to be a hidden culture regarding the expectation of the Boyer model, but still include a research component. The Dean is supportive and she is hoping for additional discussions in the future regarding engaged scholarship and T & P.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS/UPDATES: None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.