CEHD Council Meeting
George Mason University
April 7, 2009
1:00–3:15 PM

Minutes

Attending: David Anderson, Dominique Banville, Scott Bauer, Susan Bon, Gary Galluzzo

I. Cancellation of the April Follow-Up Visit with Richard Lapchick

The question was raised about why the public event with Richard Lapchick was canceled for the week of April 6-9. Gary reported that after a series of false starts and missteps, it was decided that the week that included two NCAA basketball finals and Passover was not the week to celebrate “race, equity, and sports in America.” Gary and Richard have spoken, and Richard has offered to return in the fall semester to assist the College and the programs in building action plans to guide our growth toward a more inclusive environment.

II. GSE Convocation Speaker

Gary reported that an invitation has been extended to U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan to address the GSE Convocation. We do not expect to receive a reply to the invitation until the end of April. The Dean’s office staff is in regular contact with the Secretary’s office.

III. Follow-Up on the CEHD Research Symposium

Susan, who is also a member of the Research Symposium Planning Committee, reported the results of the evaluation surveys collected at the Symposium. She reported that the survey data were “overwhelmingly positive.” The biggest issues – related to the format of the Symposium – will be addressed as the Committee prepares for next year.

IV. Ph.D. Program

Questions were raised about how the “culture” courses, e.g., EDUC 800, 802, and 805, are staffed. Gary offered to share these concerns with the Ph.D. office and to speak with Tom Scruggs about the concerns.

V. College Mission Statement

In the fall 2008 semester, Dean Gorrell and the CEHD Council began a process of rewriting the College’s mission statement. The Council members provided more detail on the progress of this work and suggested that Gary share the most recent draft with the programs to seek their input and guidance. This process can contribute to our reaccreditation visit in that NCATE, TEAC, and SACS each expects a mission statement.
VI. Advice on the May Faculty Meeting

Gary asked the Council for guidance on the May CEHD faculty meeting. He was advised to arrange the agenda so that the issues that are of importance to all members of CEHD, e.g., the bylaws vote, will occur earlier in the meeting. It was also offered that the Performance Assessment Committee (PAC) would prepare a resolution that would initiate public discussion of the accreditation choice.

VII. August Faculty Meeting

Preliminary discussions were held about the August faculty meeting and what it should seek to accomplish. At a minimum, the introduction of the new faculty, a state-of-the-College presentation, and a welcome from President Merten were suggested. Further discussion will follow.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 12, 2009