Academic Assembly
March 10, 2014
2:05 – 3:35pm, STCN 130

MINUTES

Present: Jeffrey Anderson, Brady Carlson, Carol Wolfe Clay, Brooke Coleman, Karen Cowgill, Tito Cruz, Lynn Deeken, Bill Ehmann, Terry Foster, Christian Halliburton, Paul Holland, Caity Hoover, Chuck Lawrence, Kristi Lee, Patrick Murphy, David Neel, Erik Olsen, Roshanak Roshandel, Rob Rutherford, Heath Spencer

Minutes taken by Rosa Hughes

I. Review of 2-24-14 Minutes
    A. Approved with no changes
II. Reports from Committees
    A. APCC – Assessment and Planning Coordination Committee
        1. Weekly meetings about assessment of non-academic programs for NWCCU accreditation
        2. Revising core themes (strategic planning priorities) to match the four strategic plan goals
            a. Goal 1: Strengthen our capacity to provide a high-quality and transformational education rooted in the Jesuit tradition
            b. Goal 2: Prepare our graduates to lead meaningful and successful professional lives
            c. Goal 3: Meet the challenges and opportunities of the changing educational and economic environment
            d. Goal 4: Realize an infrastructure that supports excellence and innovation in all facets of our education
        3. Concern about deciding to change them without consulting campus community
        4. Further questions should go to Bob Dullea
    B. Request for more information about why AcA was not consulted about budgetary commitment to COPE school development
III. Planning Invitations (*Bob Dullea*)
    A. Technology contract termination
        1. Chuck Porter, CIO, is beginning the process to manage termination of the Elucian contract, including an advisory group
            a. Request representative from AcA with knowledge or expertise in this area and ability to maintain confidentiality
            b. Beginning in next month or two with a year to year and a half timeframe
    B. COPE School Development – Two Committees
        1. Bob is leading one group to write the proposal with specificity around admissions, transfer, tuition, vision, name, etc.

2. The second group is an advisory body
    a. Representatives from Registrar's office, Admissions, Student Financial Services, Enrollment Services, Library, Student Academic Services, an Associate Dean, a Dean, Chuck Lawrence, 3 faculty identified by Deans, and a representative requested from AcA
    b. Very tight timeline to try to get before the Board of Trustees by May meeting
    c. Any academic programming delivered more than 50% online needs approval by NWCCU, is currently under review

IV. Proposed Digital Textbook Platform (*Melody Kadlub-Barr, Bob Spencer, Nathan and Brian from Rafter*)
    A. Our new Rafter textbook module has been a huge success this year
    B. Now looking to develop a platform for digital books
        1. Developing SU procurement policy for digital content
        2. Rafter offers a defined channel with managed royalties
        3. Focus on providing cost-effective, innovative, consistent digital content
        4. Since the Campus Store already uses Rafter hardware and software systems, it will be a smooth transition
    C. Future planning
        1. Affordability, increase efficiencies of adoption process, supply chain improvement
        2. Management of academic materials - submit request to store, sourced, distributed students
        3. Soft deployment scheduled for fall quarter with a full deployment in winter quarter
    D. Discussion
        1. Rafter is an open platform and does not own content
        2. Need to ensure that students who pay for textbooks with online material will not have to pay twice to access the digital content currently
        3. Need to understand risks associated with Rafter as it grows and new policies are developed
V. Executive Session