

SUMMARY

Present: President Roberts, Ann Garnsey-Harter, Ann Martin-Cummins, Barb Kristek, Dawn Vinberg, DuValle Daniel, Fikru Diro, Jerry Owens, Jim Hills, Kristia Handojo, Leah Pearce, Leslie Potter-Henderson, Lianne Almughirah, Nirmala Savage, Rosie Bellert, Stephen Smith, Stuart Trippel, Winston Lee

Not in Attendance: Ashley Cowan, Bob Francis, Brigitte Kidd, Kim Cambern

Recorder: Batyah Chliek

Chair / Vice Chair: Ashley Cowan / TBD

WELCOME/ INTRODUCTIONS: Members introduced themselves.

CHANGES TO THE JANUARY 12, 2016 AGENDA

The agenda was approved unanimously—all thumbs up.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 1, 2015 SUMMARY

The Summary was approved as is—all thumbs up.

OPEN COMMENT PERIOD

President Roberts announced that banners are up on Aurora with more to come. There will be banners on campus to correspond with those. She noted the involvement of the Board, City, City Council and Mayor to support our presence on Aurora.

Dawn Vinberg discussed the upcoming changes for the PUB, Building 4000, the new health and sciences complex, the nursing building, theatre and parent/child center. Stuart Trippel noted that a feasibility study with financing options will be presented this week. Students are being surveyed about housing and their needs.

President Roberts said that metro, the school district, the city and the college are looking at the best way for the traffic to flow better at the five-way stop and how to alleviate congestion.

Per Leah Pearce, the kiosks are up in the bookstore for ordering books; comments are positive. Many students choose to have their books sent here rather than home.

Bob Francis said that Jackson School invited our international study students to visit. UW Bothell is interested in sending some of their students to our STEM program. The details are being worked out regarding dual enrollment.

UPDATE OF COLLEGE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE (PRESIDENT ROBERTS)

President Roberts recapped the Governance Structure. The Strategy Planning and Budget Committee will be moved to a Council because they will be looking at policies and budget processes, She explained the policy flow and how decisions are made.

She reviewed the Professional Learning Name Changes for SCOPE and Admin Team and explained their current purpose. She noted that Supervisors Academy will look at fundamental skills supervisors must have and provide consistency in skills they need for their work.

Fikru Diro asked what the responsibility of Dean Team is since they are not part of the final decision. Previously, they had an active mid-level management role and represented Admin and Faculty. President Roberts will take that input to the Executive Team.

REVIEW COLLEGE COUNCIL CHARTER AND MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

(PRESIDENT ROBERTS)

President Roberts reviewed the Behavioral Working Agreements. The policies will be reviewed in the right series. Three to four policies will be chosen each meeting for the Council to review in a comfortable deep conversation. Most policies are short but dense and may no longer mean what they meant in the 1970s or 1980s. It will take two years—30-36 policies a year—to meet our obligation for accreditation.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR (STEPHEN SMITH)

Barb Kristek nominated Jerry Owens to be Vice Chair. Ann Martin-Cummins and Fikru Diro seconded. He was elected with a unanimous thumbs up.

UPDATE FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE (STEPHEN SMITH)

The subcommittee will meet again to look at the Communication Plan in terms of the Behavioral Working Agreement and present it at the next College Council meeting.

Per President Roberts, Executive Team will discuss electronic and in-person communication ways of pushing out information. She will bring that input back to College Council.

Suggestions on how to push out information included Administration creating a structure to get information out to the Deans for their meetings, having shop stewards send information out on the listservs, using the DAAG. To increase awareness of the listservs, information could be included in new hire orientations. Translations could be done for announcements on closures to resolve any language barriers. Jerry Owens noted that not all classified staff had computers and did not know about the scheduled shut down. Dawn Vinberg said a feedback survey is being done.

Leslie Potter-Henderson noted that when classes did not start on Monday, there were students still in classrooms waiting for classes to start. Winston Lee said that their group will figure out how to get the message out to students when there are closures. It was suggested a survey be created with different questions for students; Winston will help with it.

Per Stuart Trippel, the Strategic Planning Task Force will meet in the coming week. The Strategic Plan will go to the Executive Team, then to the Board for presentation (the Board does not need to approve it).

SCHEDULE FOR POLICY REVIEW (Stephen Smith)

Potentially, the schedule will be to have three to four policies per meeting. When the schedule is formalized, it will be rolled out.

PREVIEW OF TOPICS FOR THE QUARTER (President Roberts)

By the end of March, all the policies to be done in spring will be identified.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:06 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 2, 2016; 2:30 – 4:30 pm; Board Room (1010M)