MINUTES: School of Professional Studies Meeting, April 30, 2012, 1:00 p.m., TJM 307

PRESENT: Dean Galardi, Dr. Asmussen, Dr. Bliss Fudge, Ms. Edris, Dr. Gardner, Dr. Goebel-Lundholm, Mr. Griffin, Dr. Grotrian, Ms. Grotrian-Ryan, Dr. Hutchison, Dr. Ibrayeva, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Knape, Dr. Nevitt, Dr. Sharma

I. Dean Galardi called the meeting to order.

II. Minutes of the March 22, 2012 meeting were approved with a motion and second by Mr. Griffin and Dr. Asmussen.

III. Dean Galardi requested committee reports.

A. Dr. Nevitt reported that the Assessment Committee established a new level of score to be used in placement of incoming students in remedial English and math. A new assessment tool for academic advisement is now in place.

B. Dr. Nevitt indicated that CARE (Crisis Assessment, Response, and Evaluation) and also the disciplinary board have been functioning efficiently according to those previously involved in related matters on the campus.

C. Dr. Sharma indicated that the Diversity Committee is currently planning events for next year.

D. Dr. Sharma reported that the Safety Committee has no emergent issues. Additional cameras will be installed on campus. Mr. Jackson asked about the possibility of emergency call boxes being placed on the campus. Dr. Sharma reported that when that question had been discussed that he was told that cell phones made call boxes redundant. Dr. Sharma added that he had concern about lighting between the campus proper and the Centennial Complex.

E. Dr. Hutchison reported that the Strategic Plan is in draft form and should be finalized by June 30, 2012.

F. Dr. Ibrayeva reported that the Academic and Curriculum Committee approved the new General Studies Program and approved revised programs from several academic areas. Three new courses from Professional Studies were approved for credit in Community, Regional and Global Studies of the General Studies Program.

G. Dr. Asmussen reported that the Rank Promotion and Tenure Committee approved new requirements for materials submitted in the application for promotion and tenure.

H. Ms. Grotrian-Ryan reported that the Chance Initiative (a program/grant which encourages healthier lifestyles among area children and their families by creating awareness and educating them about better choices) had completed the semester’s work.

I. Dr. Bliss Fudge reported on legislative affairs as related to Nebraska Psychological Association. Monies for the Department of Roads will be coming from a gas tax and from Medicaid funds. Dean Galardi added that Dr. Bliss Fudge had been doing a great job of getting Peru State’s classes approved for PLADC (Provisional Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor) requirements.

IV. Mr. Knape discussed transfer credits for students in the CPA Focus and that the credits should be scrutinized more closely than just allowing bulk credits. Upper division transfer credits should correlate with PSC credits, and syllabi from the previous institution should be compared with those of the corresponding PSC classes. Mr. Knape is a board member of the Accounting Education Advisory Board.

V. Department members discussed committee openings for the 2012/2013 school year, and voted on replacement committee assignments.

A. Teacher Education Committee – Dr. Stacy Bliss Fudge

B. Assessment Committee – Dr. Stacy Bliss Fudge

C. Faculty Senate, Professional Studies member, 2 years – Mr. Alan Jackson

VI. Dean Galardi and department members discussed the General Studies progress sheet and all of the Professional Studies progress sheets/programs in their entireties with the exception of the progress sheets for the minors, which were left to department members to review and know.

VII. Dean Galardi reviewed activities and accomplishments completed during the 2011-2012 school year.

A. Ms. Sheri Grotrian-Ryan

1. PBL research conference and Dr. Osborne’s visit

2. PBL National Leadership Conference – 19 students attending

3. Chance Initiative – Dr. Kyle Ryan and Ms. Sheri Grotrian-Ryan

4. PBL mentor
B. Mr. Brad Griffin
1. Planning and construction of new computer lab
2. Member – Teacher Education Committee
3. Established Young Republicans Club on campus

C. Dr. Christy Hutchison
1. Chair, HLC Preparation
2. Strategic Planning Committee
3. Arranged “Morality of Capitalism” event on campus
4. Arranged “Law School Symposium” event on campus
5. Faculty Senate 2012-2013
6. Chair of Academic and Curriculum 2012-2013
7. Freshman Fusion Advisory Board 2012-2013

D. Dr. Jim Nevitt
1. Chairperson-Student Disciplinary Board
2. Member-CARE Committee
3. Member-Assessment Committee

E. Dr. Kelly Asmussen
1. Member-Rank, Promotion and Tenure Committee
2. Searching for Justice (Inside-Out Class at Tecumseh State Correctional Institution)

F. Dr. Judy Grotrian
1. Business Contest
2. Member-Rank, Promotion and Tenure Committee
3. Faculty Athletic Representative

G. Dr. Mary Goebel-Lundholm
1. Member-Faculty Senate
2. Nebraska Business Development Center-Auburn
3. MSOM thesis review

H. Mr. Alan Jackson
1. Business Curriculum Review
2. Sponsor-Rotaract
3. Kawasaki Plant Field Trip

I. Dr. Kelli Gardner
1. Psychology program review
2. Capstone refinement
3. Member-Wellness Committee

J. Dr. Elina Ibrayeva
1. Member-Academic and Curriculum Committee
2. Kawasaki Plant Field Trip

K. Dr. Stacy Bliss Fudge
1. Nebraska Psychology Association-Legislative Affairs Committee
2. Psychology program review
3. PSCI

L. Dr. Vijay Sharma
1. Member-Diversity Committee
2. Member-Safety Committee
3. Athletic Study tables
4. Mr. Mo-velber (initiative raising funds and awareness for men’s health issues)
5. Sponsor-LAE (Lambda Alpha Epsilon – American Criminal Justice Association)

M. Mr. Aaron Knape
1. Board member-Accounting Education Advisory Board
2. Streaming video in upper-division accounting courses
VIII. College Successes:
   A. Successful HLC visit
   B. Completion of program reviews for all academic disciplines
   C. New laptops/docking stations for faculty
   D. Sapp Family visit
   E. NESIS system for all employees
   F. State funding for Oak Bowl

IX. School of Professional Studies Successes
   A. Revision of Accounting, CMIS, BAS-Management, BMIT, Business Management, and Marketing programs
   B. Revision of Criminal Justice program and new option (Law and Society)
   C. Revision of Psychology Core
   D. Curriculum mapping in Business, Criminal Justice and Psychology
   E. Beginning of standardized testing in Business area
   F. Input into General Studies changes and course inclusion in General Education Capstone and other areas
   G. Good results on advising survey
   H. Remodeling of 202, 301, 302, 307, and 326 with new audiovisual systems and docking stations
   I. Three new faculty members beginning Fall 2013: Accounting, CMIS and Criminal Justice
   J. Student scholarship winners – Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and NESCPA (Nebraska Society of Certified Public Accountants)
   K. Dr. Kelli Gardner will chair the Honors Program and teach in a new Honors course in Fall 2012

X. Dean Galardi visited with faculty members about a possible retreat during the summer.

XI. Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m. with a motion and second by Dr. Asmussen and Mr. Griffin.