

## Academic Council Minutes

June 12, 2008

Present: Green, Cantu, Stroman, Cameron, Roales, Stachacz, Wallace, Calhoon, Kintzele, Pati, Dible, Sehr

Guest: Candy Norman

1. Regional Leadership Institute – Candy Norman and Fred Hakes developed Leadership Institute through the Wired grant. They conducted listening sessions in 10 of the 14 counties in the Wired grant's area to find out what their concerns were. They are seeking 2-3 people from each county so they can develop a network of regional leaders who can work together, cross-county, on different projects. They plan to have groups of about ten people travel around the counties to get ideas and bring them back to their group and also to find other leaders or potential leaders to join the group. This would also help people from different counties bond. An interview process will be determined to choose a final group of 50 for the first two-year Institute. Achieving diversity in this group is a challenge. Candy gave everyone a packet that included a nomination form in case they know someone they would like to nominate for this leadership group. Students can also be involved as facilitators. The Institute is planning its first class in October.
2. Mobile Computing Technology Task Force – Stuart reported on the progress of the TF and reiterated the initial reasons the TF was formed. These concerned the lack of policies regarding their use of mobile technology in the classroom and the need for direction in identifying and implementing the use of current and emerging mobile technologies

A memo prepared by Carl Pennington and Stuart was passed out at the meeting and the responses of the deans and the TF were outlined by VC Green. He invited and received numerous thoughtful comment form the AC on the following major issues:

- Identifying two or three worthwhile technologies that would enhance teaching and learning. The role and composition of the IT Advisory Committee in this work. It was noted that a subcommittee of IT with additional faculty added to the committee would be the appropriate group to address this issue. It was further noted that this work should be done in conjunction with the CTLA and include fellowships for faculty to explore/pilot new and current technologies in response to teaching and learning issues/problems. In addition a specific charge will be developed and a timeline for making recommendations to the Administrative Council. There is an issue of policy. After crafting a proposal by students, it needs to go the Faculty Affairs Committee. In addition, it was agreed that a monthly forum for faculty and staff, including IT/CTLA staff to address teaching and learning issues and other faculty issues would be useful in communicating concerns and opportunities and identifying shared solutions and initiatives, including digital solutions.
- The Educause Horizon report was shared as it looks at emerging technologies and challenges related to teaching, learning and creative work.

- a. Grass Roots video
- b. Collaboration Webs
- c. Mobile Broadband
- d. Data Markups
- e. Collective intelligence
- f. Social Operating Systems

We asked how we bring together the CTLA, IT Advisory Committee and the forum together to work on issues. Out of this discussion came the idea to create faculty fellowship to explore the most promising new technologies.

3. Army ROTC is coming. We are becoming a partner with ROTC from IUPUI. They will offer courses that count for elective credit. There are scholarships from ROTC for students.
4. Degrees of Excellence. Campus recommendations must be in Bloomington by July 1. Based on the recommendations of the Student Success Committee and consultations with Vic Borden, the campus plans to allocate \$10,000 for the IR Council to use for services from Vic Borden's office; \$30,000 to support needs-based scholarships; and the remaining funds will be used to support hourly student workers.
5. Student Success Committee. Ann Cameron said many individuals have already responded to the survey on impediments to student success. She also noted the committee appreciated being listened to on its Degrees of Excellence recommendations by the campus administration. She noted that the committee will focus on evaluating the freshmen year and advising this coming year.

VC green thanked Niranjana Pati, Dean Cantu, Robert Roales, and John Stachacz for their hard work and excellent service to the campus, as this was their last Academic Council meeting, prior to leaving their positions with IU Kokomo.