

MINUTES

Management / APSCUF Faculty Meet and Discuss

Session 362

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

12:30 p.m. – Bentley Private Dining Room

APSCUF representatives present were: Mark Cloud, Steve Hicks, Matt Girton, Howie Congdon, and Cheryl Orndorf as recording secretary.

Management representatives were: Roger Johnson, Bob Little, Linda Koch, Sue Malin, Alan Anderson, Deana Hill, and Tara Fulton

Don Patterson was invited by management to discuss item VI.

I. Approval Meeting Minutes for November 14, December 19, 2006, February 1, & February 20, 2007

The approval of all minutes was postponed.

II. Computer Problems (Roaming Profiles)

The agenda was moved to allow D. Patterson to discuss this issue. He explained how roaming profiles work and the need to switch everyone to a local profile. He is recommending roaming profiles be eliminated. All files faculty would normally place on their desktop for use with roaming profiles can be saved and accessed on the “H” drive using a local profile. This will eliminate slow logins in classrooms and labs. The computing center is sending emails from the hotline to people that have large roaming profiles to come to the center for help.

III. Grievance Update

S. Hicks reported there are still discussions about settling 06-007LH & 06-008LH, but still a way to go. Grievance 06-012LH was settled locally. The newest grievance is 07-001LH, which was just discussed at a step one meeting and it might get resolved.

IV. SAT and class rank for Fall 2007

APSCUF suggested that “pays” may be a better predictor of who would actually be here. It might be valuable to show this information on the enrollment reports. The HAP program return rate would be helpful as well. Management reported 306 students have been offered to the HAP program and almost 50 have accepted and paid. The program is on track to enroll 120 students, and is expected to reach that goal. The SAT scores are higher for those that have been accepted than those that actually pay and come. For HAP students the accepted students have a mean of 863; those that have actual paid and come have a mean of 835. That’s not out of line with our typical summer development students. R. Johnson is interested in what an at-risk student is and hopes to have more data soon.

V. Classroom Behavior Policy

Management is hesitant to establish or endorse a policy that infringes on an instructor’s almost absolute control of what goes on in the classroom and does not want anything in the policy about classroom management. Management will endorse the policy and will make it available and will produce some brochures. Management would like to make it as ubiquitous as possible without making it a policy. It will be on the web page so it can be referred to on the syllabus. There will be some training during University Days.

VI. Manager requesting faculty to work when campus is closed (except “essential” personnel)

APSCUF reported its concern with a faculty member being asked to work during a time when campus is closed due to inclement weather with only essential personnel working. Management agreed this should not happen.

VII. Individualized Instruction Approvals (LART680)

APSCUF Executive Council has denied the following LART680 Individualized Instruction approval requests: A. Starovoytova – LART680, C. Myers sponsor; W. Jones – LART680, T. Six sponsor. APSCUF expressed concern with this being considered an Individualized Instruction, because it appears to be master's thesis supervision, which is clearly defined in the CBA. Management appreciates APSCUF bringing this to everyone's attention. The deans have asked the graduate council to bring the CAPSTONE or thesis supervision into line with the CBA language. This should be solved pretty quickly.

Additional Items:

VIII. Signature on Deans/Provost Promotion Letters

APSCUF reported it is not clear if the promotion recommendations from the deans and the provosts have signatures on them when they were given to the committee. One dean has indicated she did not sign, because she didn't think she was supposed to sign them as had been done in past practice. R. Johnson's recollection was he sent an email attachment followed by hard copies that were signed. The other dean initialed her recommendations. If those up for promotion are not contesting the authenticity of the recommendations, then they could be signed any time, but management agrees they should be signed. Management will correct this problem by working with the UPC Chair.

IX. Honor Code Task Force

Management would like APSCUF to consider LHU establishing a task force of faculty, students, and managers to work on developing an honor code. There is a code of conduct for employees. There is a policy on academic honesty, but management would like to see an honor code students can comprehend and remember. It is not expected to be as stringent in nature as a military academy. APSCUF will take this back on this issue.

X. Community College

APSCUF asked if management is making progress with the community college legislation that is to be effective this fall. Management explained there is a transfer and articulation and oversight committee (TAOC). R. Johnson is the representative from Lock Haven. For 30 hours we are home free. The mandate has nothing to do with general education though the perception is out there particularly with the community colleges. It can be any 30 hours with what is called basic courses. The committee is looking at courses that already transfer and LHU is already transferring 30 hours. It is going to turn out to be general education for LHU. There has been no compromise. Some community colleges might have to raise their standards. It has to be a common 30. LHU causes problems because it has only one English composition course and everyone else has two, so one course had to be taken out of the block of the common 30. So far it has not affected our curriculum. The moment it does LHU will have to look at it again.

XI. Next Meeting: Tuesday April 17, 2007 12:30-2:00 pm in Executive Dining Room, The May meeting will be May 22, 12:30 p.m. (tentative)

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