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JCAP Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 10, 2011
3:00-4:30 p.m.
Thomson Board Room, Ballentine Hall

Attendance: Don DeHayes, chair, Peter Larsen, vice-chair, Nancy Eaton, Ann Morrissey, Laura Beauvais, Kat Quina, Christopher Anderson, Norbert Mundorf, Peter Alfonso, Lynn McKinney, Vern Wyman, Sandy Hicks, Jack Szczepanski and Brenden Cologna for David Coates.

Members absent: Nasser Zawia, Lori Ciccomascolo and Jason Pina.

1.   Announcements:

Provost DeHayes announced that there had been a transition in the leadership of the Faculty Senate. He reported that Nancy Eaton was now the Chair, and Peter Larsen Vice Chair, of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. Both will continue on JCAP, with Larsen becoming JCAP Vice Chair and Eaton will remain Chair of the Task Force Subcommittee.

Provost DeHayes reported that the University received a positive report from NEASC and that the report is posted on the website. He also reported that the President and he would meet in March with NEASC to discuss the university’s progress since November.

2.   The Minutes of the December 15, 2010 meeting were approved.

3.   Subcommittee reports:

   a. Task Force Subcommittee

Norbert Mundorf gave an update on the Global Education Task Force Committee. He reported that they recommended the development of a Global Studies Program. Lengthy discussion ensued on a wide range of globalization issues including plans for an international residence hall and the UCGEN Ed committee’s forthcoming recommendations for the revision of general education to include global issues. Suggestions included branding URI as a global institution, recruiting international students more aggressively, creating a global studies major or minor, and issues of funding students for study abroad and similar programs.

Nancy Eaton reported that the Task Force Subcommittee has discussed four additional reports, and that they are in final form. Discussion ensued as to what is the ultimate goal for these reports and what is the role of these task forces? Other
issues discussed included the process for moving forward the recommendations of these reports. A decision was made to determine a process for prioritizing these recommendations.

b. NEASC Subcommittee

Marilyn Barbour reported that the subcommittee had recently met and was making progress. She indicated the next NEASC report will need to provide an update on enrollment and financial aid. The committee has gone through all of the standards for assessing continued accuracy of information. They will put all of the comments into one document for discussion at their next meeting. There was also discussion regarding the membership of the JCAP committee and the need for continuing participation.

c. Metrics Subcommittee

Kat Quina indicated that they have divided into work groups to fine tune recommended metrics for the goals of the Academic Plan. The committee has completed its work for goals 1-3 and will provide a draft to date of progress at the next JCAP meeting. The subcommittee is working in alignment with the metrics being developed by the APRC. Chris Anderson will provide an overview of the metrics using a sample from one department at the next JCAP meeting.

4. Progress Toward Implementation

a. Global Report:

1. The Provost reported on the January visit by Consultant Norm Peterson regarding international education. He indicated that Mr. Peterson met with many different groups on campus and provided advice and counsel relative to international recruitment and enrollment issues.

2. Provost DeHayes reported that the University is establishing an ESL program with ACE (Associates in Cultural Exchange) who visited here last spring. A small contingent of URI staff were invited to visit ACE headquarters in Seattle in December. The University is in the process of developing an MOU with them for ESL services. Fees for ESL services are paid directly by international students to ACE. He said that the goal is to have this program set up this summer and operate in the Fall if necessary approvals can be gained.

3. Vice Provost Laura Beauvais reported that we had invited two visiting international scholars this semester and one had accepted and the other had to withdraw due to medical reasons. She indicated that they were hoping to have two for each semester.
4. Provost DeHayes reported that they are in the process of breaking ground on a new residence hall and that it would include a wing in the building for international and domestic students to interact. He also hopes that an on campus global lounge could be created in a central location.

b. Online Advisory Committee
Vice Provost Beauvais reported that the group met last week to talk about the charge and committee members. She indicated that they have a draft charge for the Provost and FSEC review and that this committee would be advisory.

The Provost asked that we keep the Progress Toward Implementation piece on the agenda for JCAP meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.