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JCAP notes – April 23, 2015

### **Announcements**

The Academic Planning Student Summit was held April 22<sup>nd</sup> and was highly successful in engaging students in dialogue about academic planning on four topics: Student Learning, Globalization, Diversity, and Experiential learning. Close to 50 students attended the event and were from nearly every College of the University.

The Provost announced that the Faculty Senate vote was to approve the Health reorganization and also to approve allowing non-tenure track faculty being able to vote and participate in the Faculty Senate process.

A concern was raised by Vice Chair about whether nontenure track lecturers would be “expected” to participate in service activities rather than having the ability to choose, or not, to participate in service and advising. It was agreed that such a clarification about these expectations be articulated by the Faculty Senate. Specifically, that non tenure track faculty are not expected or required to do service activities, but rather if they chose to do service activities or participate in Faculty Senate it would be a choice. The Chair of the Faculty senate next year may need to clarify this.

3. a. The committee discussed and worked on the draft Academic Plan working document and clarified revisions.

The Committee discussed the themes from the Student Summit. These will be incorporated into the document, once the Student Summit notes are submitted to Ann Morrissey. She will then post the notes to the website, as they are submitted by note takers and facilitators at the Summit. She will also incorporate key ideas from those notes into the working Plan draft.

The Committee agreed to the next step of forming task forces for key strategies to further develop them and gain greater collaboration and input from both faculty and student. The task force areas were identified and the Provost will follow up with the Faculty and Student Senates to appoint members to work on the task forces, which will also include key staff. Some task force groups have already been identified by JCAP previously for the global area and the process streamlining and are already underway developing strategies and actions.

It was agreed the task forces will work from May through June and submit their feedback no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>.

3.b. It was agreed, as proposed by Ann Morrissey, to have a JCAP website linked from the Provost’s and Faculty Senate websites to communicate the activities and events that have occurred thus far in the development of the working draft Strategic

Academic Plan and a timeline of proposed activities, reviews, and events to gain community feedback as it continues to develop.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40pm