

2-27-09: Consultative Committee

In Attendance: Jennifer Zych Herrmann, Jon Anderson, Brad Deane, Judy Korn, Maggie Larson, Lynn Schulz, Alex Murphy, Adam Olson, Nancy Carpenter

Absent: Len Keeler, Pam Gades

Call to Order: 2:20

Meeting called to formulate questions and items the committee ought to look in to.

- 1.) The committee wants to talk about more about consultation and communication between governance institutions and the Chancellor.

Bradley Dean brought up, as an example of something needing consultation, that he has heard rumors of one of Morris' partner schools using Morris syllabi and giving UMM credit. Does anyone know about this?

- a. Are people being consulted?
- b. Stresses the need for formal lines of communication as opposed to informal rumors.
- c. Who consults? Who does the Chancellor consult? Who is in her "leadership team?"

Jon Anderson mentioned that the Environmental Studies major might have gotten money from the main campus to pay for a dedicated teacher?

- a. Is this the case? Is Morris not spending it?
- b. Again, the committee doesn't know.

Nancy Carpenter mentioned Geology and the nature of majors.

- a. Is there a certain number of faculty needed to actually be a major? Should there be?
- b. What is the case of German? Why is the administration being ambiguous on the future of the German major?
- c. The committee would appreciate an articulated rationale for any and all budget decisions made.

Lynn Shulz mentioned the issue of voluntarily reducing the work load.

- a. Full disclosure is of possible ramifications is absolutely required before staff are take this option.
- b. The administration should be careful in encouraging such behavior.

Bradley Deane asked about the nature of consultation. What does the committee expect from the administration?

- a. What can be done quickly by the administration?
- b. What needs extensive consultation?
- c. What do we expect from the Chancellor?
- d. *Maybe we should create a memo of expectations, or ask the Chancellor for a discussion on the subject.*

The question was brought up about reasoning for a lack of consultation.

- a. Maybe the consultation process feels unresponsive
- b. There might have been a cultural shift.
- c. There used to be several informal channels to convey information but it has become much more formalized in recent years.

Lastly, questions about the nature of the Chancellor were brought up.

- a. Hired to be an outside looking Chancellor as opposed to an inside looking Chancellor
- b. "We're all in this together" mentality needs to return.

Adjourned at 3:15.