MINUTES

Members present:  Jamie Reilly, Ali Asfar, Dawn Bowers, Robert Cook, Jeff Harman, Emily Pugh, Mary Thigpen, Mary Ellen Young, Arlene Naranjo
Members excused/absent:  Joanne Foss

1. Review and approve minutes from last meeting. (All)
   Minutes unanimously approved

2. Budget Update (Dean Perri)
   Dean Perri provided clarification and answered questions regarding the current budget reduction process. Specific details regarding our college’s position was detailed. The next step is for department directors to discuss strategies with their faculties. Dean’s report is due to the Provost on May 7, 2012.

3. IT committee continuation (Dr. Tracey Barnett)
   - Trouble getting members for this committee.
   - Committee feels should be ad hoc.
   - Recommends that we dissolve this committee; 8-2 vote to take out of constitution
   - If Dean still wants, will have to get chairs to appoint members
   - Will take the committee’s suggestions to the executive meeting tomorrow
   MOTION: Young: Move to advise the dean to inactivate the IT committee until the constitution is revised next year, with the potential to use as an ad hoc committee. PASSED 100%

4. Question about the potential for amending public modifiers for titles (e.g., clinical assistant professor). Reilly
   - All supportive of change in modifiers.

5. Discussion regarding potential for tenure extending 7 to 10 years (pros & cons)
   - Pros
     - Tenure when ready.
   - Cons/Concerns
     - Are there higher expectations due to the increased time limit?
     - Delayed promotion.
   Suggestions:
   - Individual could eligible for promotion (a promotion package) prior to tenure (tenure package)
General Consensus: This would be unattractive to most assistant professors.

6. T32/tuition coverage: Cook/Reilly  
   - 60% funded thru NIH, 40% funded from student/college/department  
   - Who will pay for the 40%?  
   - JR will take to the Dean as a concern.

7. Senate update: Young  
   Engineering students present and protesting the potential budget cuts. Students were allowed to speak, and had a list of requests. An engineering faculty member read a resolution which said that if in this process departments are going to be closed are moved, shared governance and faculty input must be solicited prior to any action.

   All faculty notified and asked to provide their names to department chair. Joel Bialosky has volunteered to serve; vote will occur at next PT faculty meeting this Wednesday.

9. HSC hiring practice discussion: Reilly  
   - JR: Recommends a discussion among HSC councils regarding changes in hiring policies.

    A. Information on student on-line evaluations.  
       - Dates are up to the department  
       - How to make it mandatory?  
       - Student comments – release is up to the college. Faculty should be involved

There being no further business, council adjourned at 600pm

Respectfully submitted,

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