

Academic Committee Meeting
May 19, 2020
3:00-4:00 P.M.
ZOOM

Attendees:

Bagchi, Rajesh
Boyle, Kevin
Carlson, Kevin
Ghandforoush, Parviz
Gnyawali, Devi
Hunnings, Kay
Khansa, Lara
Maher, Jack
McGehee, Nancy
Mitchell, Elizabeth
Russell, Robin
Singal, Vijay
Sumichrast, Robert

Absent:

Recording Secretary
Ridpath, Kimberly

Minutes/Action Items/Announcements

Dean Sumichrast called the meeting to order. He said the committee would meet less frequently over the summer.

Priorities and Reorganizations

Sumichrast said the strategic plan should guide the college including, at this time, of budget reductions. He asked the academic committee to share their ideas on how various college priorities and activities should be supported. The committee discussed Pamplin's changed set of pillars. None suggested new major investments while the college reduces funding during the crisis. The committee discussed international programs changed status. There was consensus that Pamplin should continue to make study abroad programs available to its students. In short-term, there was support for reducing funding for this area because travel is likely to be limited at least through the fall. Longer term, there was interest in reconsidering how the college supported this area while assuring that students get good value from quality Pamplin programs. The committee discussed various services and activities in which Pamplin

engages. The committee also discussed how assessment and AACSB Assurance of Learning could be improved and conducted at a lower cost.

Budget

Kay Hunnings summarized plans she submitted last week, that reduce expenses by 5% and 10%. Hunnings said the goal was to have a long-term budget reduction but practicalities forced the college to use some short-term tactics. The committee discussed various assumptions about cost savings and tied the college's strategic plan priorities to changes in the budget. Hunnings said she would keep the committee informed as additional information becomes available.

Online Learning Task Force

Kevin Carlson said the online learning task force has completed its assignment and was disbanded. He provided the committee with an executive summary report. He led the committee in a discussion of the committee's recommendations.

Department Support for Campaign

Elizabeth Mitchell provided a brief update of the status of fundraising efforts. Advancement will provide department heads with a document showing their current campaign priorities. Advancement requests information to update the document in a form that is most convenient for department heads (email, Zoom, etc.). Mitchell provided the committee with an example of the Krivoruchka Stewardship Report and explained how Pamplin's Advancement can work with departments to thank donors and give them a better sense of how their gifts have helped. Committee members indicated satisfaction with the donor stewardship report example and desired contact with advancement for additional stewardship reports.

Action Items:

1. Assurance of Learning and other forms of assessment will be discussed at a future meeting during the summer.
2. The committee will continue its discussions of the budget including how to implement required reductions.
3. Advancement will contact department heads to help with updating their campaign priorities and developing donor stewardship reports.