

CFR Minutes

CFR Meeting, April 6, 2018

Meeting Time: 9:10 – 11:00am

Present: Nicole Campbell, Mike Berger, Michael Curry, Michael Dunn, Susan Finley, Dene Grigar, Ed Hagen, Bala Krishnamoorthy, Elizabeth Soliday, Stephen Solovitz and Sara Waters.
Guest: Provost Bernardo (via AMS).

Preparation and update from meeting with Christine Portfors

- Update from Portfors: Berger shared information provided by Portfors including the number of current graduate students. There are groups working on cohesiveness of graduate education across campuses. A key challenge is funding.
- Discussion related to inconsistent interpretation of context statement in tenure and promotion processes.

Meeting with Provost Bernardo

Discussion included:

- Graduate Education:
 - System-wide graduate course availability:
 - There is a group is assessing videoconferencing options.
 - Deans are now evaluated on system-wide performance measures.
 - Bernardo needs a program by program census on the availability of graduate courses.
 - Residency requirements: Need to be evaluated program by program. Enhancing availability of graduate courses will help.
 - Resources & funding: Work with campus administration to explore funding options.
 - Mentoring students remotely
- Transparency in evaluation
 - Context statements are important for framing tenure and promotion packets.
- Take homes:
 - Provost Bernardo will update CFR on videoconferencing report.
 - CFR will conduct a program-by-program census on graduate course availability.
 - Kelly will engage with CFR regarding tenure/promotion materials and context statements.
- Attention was drawn to the lack of gender diversity in final candidates for the College of Arts & Sciences Dean search. Bernardo noted other aspects of diversity were represented in the pool.

Recap:

- Discussion of strategies for conducting a census
- Discussion of conversation with Bernardo.

Minutes submitted by Nicole Campbell, April 9, 2018.