RPA MEETING NOTES

Date/Time/Location: 4 September 2008 Meeting; 8:00-9:00 AM; 107 Lab of Mechanics
Attending: Mike Owen (CALS), Dean Anderson (CHS), Travis Sapp (Bus), Ricardo Rosenbloom (CVM), John Jackman (Engr), Jack Girton (Chr. Research), Arnold Van Der Valk, G. Palermo

1) Mission and Committee Charges. Relevant excerpts from Senate Bylaws distributed.

2) Activating Committees for ‘08-’09 and beyond
   ~ General overview of history of committees – Research has been active; others have been sporadic or dormant in effectiveness; need to activate or sunset.
   ~ Named chairs for each committee:
     - Research: J. Girton will continue as chair; overseeing implementation of Research Policy; preparing to work on export/import policy regarding research (Federal Homeland Security guidelines, impact on research, etc.). Works with VP Research & EconDev
     - Business and Finance: M. Owen will chair; G. Palermo to forward notes from last year. Works with VP Business & Finance. Wants to stress academic issues and impacts.
     - IT: John Jackman volunteered to chair. Works with CIO. G. met with J. Davis last year; Jim open to faculty input separate from the Budget Advisory Committee. Would like to have a faculty sounding board; again, stressing academic issues rather than full mission such as the budget Advisory Committee would
     - Welfare and Benefits: Arnold van der Valk to chair; wants to focus on faculty compensation; perhaps rename the committee to realistically reflect the issues it can address; possibly make a new committee under FDAR to work on benefits & welfare ideas & programs. Arnold to work on developing charge for this year and for governance changes

3) Outreach to Student Affairs
   ~ Student Affairs manages many areas with direct and indirect academic impact: student recruitment & retention, tutoring, advising, counseling, LDA accommodations. We do not have a liaison relationship with VP of Student Affairs. The RPA interest in budgets, financial resources and policies that have overall impact on university academics does not overlap with Academic Affairs council which are standards and catalog.
   ~ M. Owen volunteered to open discussions with Tom Hill.

4) Fall schedule:
   ~ note there have been changes from 8/21 to accommodate the provost's schedule:
   ~ all meetings are on Thursdays at 8:00-9:00 AM, except November:
     Sept 11, at 1550 Beardshear w/ provost
     Oct 2, at LoM 107
     Oct 16, at 1550 Beardshear w/ provost
     Oct 30, at LoM 107
     Nov 19, Wednesday!, at 1550 Beardshear w/ provost
     Dec 4, at LoM 107
     Dec 18 (exam week), at 1550 Beardshear w/ provost

Please forward comments and corrections to G. Palermo

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