

Department Meeting

November 29, 2017

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Agenda items

12:00 — 12:05	Approval of minutes	Campbell
12:05 — 12:30	UDP Diversity Plan update	Chalana/Born
12:30— 12:50	Winter Admissions discussion	Campbell
12:50-1:10	Budget Report	Campbell
1:10-1:20	Open Announcements	

Present: Bob Freitag, Phil Hurvitz, Mark Purcell, Branden Born, Rachel Berney, Wendy Freitag, Himanshu Grover, Sofia Dermisi, Diana Siembor, Qing Shen, Christopher Campbell, Larissa Maziak, Bob Mugerauer,
Student Liaison: Ishmael Nunez

Approve Meeting Minutes Nov 9

Moved, seconded

6 Yes

2 Abstain

0 No

Introduce Ishmael Nunez our new Faculty/ PSA liaison

UDP Diversity Plan Update and Discussion:

The UDP Diversity Committee met recently and went over the comments that resulted from the previous faculty meeting and the comments are still being put into the diversity plan. Do we want to make this a live document to put in comments? We want to make sure to capture all but what is the best way to capture.

Manish, Diana and Branden went to a meeting for all Diversity Chairs across the University.... very encouraging.

The Deans office, Meegan specifically has been doing a pretty good job in that the college seems to be moving forward.

Are there any other comments on the plan that we haven't seen that came out after the discussion??

Over all the discussion was good...

The plan is not an implementation document, it's a vision document but something that we all agree on.

Everyone on campus is getting more clear in their vision

Re Admissions...one idea is getting rid of GRE scores. How would this affect our student body? Students coming in haven't changed...GRE scores don't necessarily reflect their success in the program.

Comment regarding the plan, under Equity under Values

One concern talks about an equity lens.... leveling the playing field. If this suggests we take away resources from others, that does not seem fair

Can we talk more about redistribution...move language away from being punitive?

In terms of the process?? When will the students have an opportunity to weigh in on the plan?

Once final comments and input are entered from faculty

When should faculty comments be submitted?

Today OR end of the quarter?? As soon as possible...earlier the better

Winter Admission Discussion:

Last year we looked at getting rid of winter quarter admission because generally winter quarter admits had been struggling a bit, there weren't that many applicants and it was causing more admin work than seemed worth the admits.

We are now looking at opening winter quarter admissions back. One reason to bring it back is budgetary. The MUP program has a steady number of around 34 to 38 students. Right now we have 36, 37.

We've had more winter quarter applicants this quarter...what we're suggesting is to admit students that already have a strong planning background.

There would be a change to admissions policy.

If the expectation is for them to have planning background...are they able to waive autumn quarter requirements? If they can't waive then they would have to take in autumn of their second year.

What we'd like to do is take the language off the website that says this is the final year we are accepting winter quarter

Can we poll the current winter quarter students? If students don't see it as a disadvantage then we can move forward.

Previous...we would have GNM students take courses autumn quarter and see how they're faring...

Bob gets a few GNM students each year who without taking courses autumn would get in winter...

Does it take away from current students??

Do you think there is a limit to how many winter applicants we let in?

Take as many as we can...

In terms of ABB, we will eventually capture those students and student credit hours

We've had two students who weren't sure if they could get in autumn quarter based on circumstances.

Should we continue winter admissions?

Qing moves

Himanshu second

7 yes

0 no

1 abstain

1 didn't participate

Budget Discussion

ABB is supposed to be transparent but in reality, it's not

Based on our projections we will be in a deficit by the end of the year.

We need to be creative and figure out how to move forward

We've been talking about making changes in the MUP curriculum but also need to put together scenarios.

Possible team to look at budget and scenarios

Bob Mugerauer, Himanshu, Qing and possibly Jan?