Academic Affairs Committee
1 April 2010
Called to Order: 8:30 am

Present: T. Miller (Chair), D. Murphy, F. T. Goodson, B. Burenheide, C. Craft, J. Wissman, W. White, L. Larson, G. Shroyer, M. Perl

Agenda Items

1. Annual Report from Unit Assessment Committee

Dr. Warren White reviewed the activities of the Unit Assessment Committee from Spring 2009 to present. He shared information regarding last spring’s NCATE visit, NCATE’s evolution into a continuous improvement model, and the UAC’s corresponding activity of selecting Standard 2 as the standard to target. Additional effort has focused upon meeting the requirements of the revised KSDE program report.

Subsequent questions and answers focused upon the Higher Learning Commission and any impact it may have upon the actions of the UAC. Dr. White explained that the UAC functions as the CARC for the unit in reviewing SLO’s. The efforts of the committee have led to an award from the University for its efforts in addressing this.

An additional question was how the faculty can access the data and this could be documented on the web. Dr. White explained that the reports are on the web, but the data in its entirety (which is a massive quantity of data) is not. Dr. Goodson shared that this data and the action upon them would be found in the department minutes.

A final question was whether or not the faculty at-large are aware of what exactly SLO’s are? The general consensus of the committee is that most faculty members are aware of this, BUT may not be fully aware of the jargon of the university, rather than the specialized education language we are familiar with. Dr. White gave a brief overview of the process to clarify all the parts of it. There was also a general consensus that it would be important for us to provide some sort of overview for faculty members of the latest assessment pieces (i.e. CARC, SLO, K-State 8).

Dr. Miller reminded us that the reports we are having are from subcommittees of the Academic Affairs Committee.

2. DED Course deletions

Dr. Miller moved and Dr. White seconded to take the courses as a package. Discussion began with Dr. Wissman, who provided an overview of the history of these courses and the rationale for deleting them from the education catalog. Dr. Wissman has done the research ensuring that this will cause no difficulty to the other programs these courses are now housed within. In questioning, Dr. Perl wondered why some of the explanations were much more abbreviated than others. Dr. Wissman provided the rationale that there were no equivalent courses in the other
programs. It was also a recommendation from the Academic Affairs committee of the University to state that the courses have not been offered for several years.

The deletion was approved unanimously.

3. Teacher Leadership Endorsement

C&I and EDLEA would like to submit a plan to KSDC for the new Teacher Leadership endorsement and have just received information about the proposal application and deadline, which is impending. The endorsement is for 12 hours and would be a combination of two C&I courses and 2 EDLEA courses—all of the courses are currently being offered and no new staff would be required. KSDE has requested a letter of intent to submit a proposal with documentation that the endorsement has been approved through our governance procedures.

It was the consensus of the committee that if approval is needed prior to the May meeting, a virtual vote and discussion will take place on behalf of this committee.

Discussion also focused on the pilot program occurring across the state.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 am