

USIC Meeting

January 24, 2017

260 Bascom, 11:00 a.m.

Present: Fugate, Noles, Scholz, Sumwalt, Yaeger, Valeo, Martin Zernicke.

Absent: Allaby, Ushman

The meeting came to order at 9:39 a.m.

Dean's Report

Review of the L&S Administrator's Breakfast meeting

- Discussion on the update of the Campus Master Plan. Every 10 years Facilities Planning and Management works with a team of planning consultants and the university community to update the Master Plan. This year they are taking a look at ground water, open spaces and parking.
- L&S is also updating the college Master Plan by:
 - Completing a Facilities Conditions report to assess the shape of the L&S buildings.
 - Assessing office space and research space in L&S
 - Discussing scenarios on where and how to best move people within L&S in the future.
- Discussion on how the college/departments can diversify revenue streams. Ideas include incorporating summer classes that attract students and/or implement/create Master's programs and Capstone Certificate programs.
- Discussion regarding the class being taught in African Studies titled "The Problem of Whiteness". There has been a lot of media attention on this class. There have also been threats made to the instructor. The Chancellor and the University stand behind the class, are keeping an eye on any developments and have increased security.
- Changes that are happening on campus:
 - Russell Panczenko, Director of the Chazen Museum is retiring. The Chazen Museum will no longer be a part of L&S, and will report to the Provost.
 - Zoology is proposing to change their name to Integrated Biology.
 - School of Library and Information Studies (SLIS) will now be known as the I-School.
 - URPL (Urban and Regional Planning) will combine with Landscape Design and will remain in L&S.

- Performance Reviews will continue to be completed through spring semester.

Feedback to Dean's Report/Q &A

The Chemistry Department has been offering Brown Bag Seminars to University Staff, Academic Staff and Faculty which has been good for their climate.

The French and Italian Department has been offering "Wellness" lunches as part of their Wellness program to their TA's, Staff and Faculty which has had a positive impact on climate. They have organized food drives and walks to bring their employees together.

There is still some frustration with payments to students and policy transparency.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Minutes by Vicki Fugate