# ECOS Minutes, 4/5/18

*Members Present:* M. Bowman, A. Delaney, S. Gordon T. Manuel, G. Quintero, M. Semanoff, N. Vonessen  
  
Members of the Public: Student Ross Best, Louie Schnell, Missoulian reporter (?? Name)

## Minutes

* The minutes from the 3/22/18 meeting were approved.

## Communication

* President Bodnar and Provost Jon Harbor (3:00 p.m.)

New Provost, Jon Harbor will be actively involved with the President in making the UPC decisions.

The impetus behind the restructure is to improve service to students. The realignment is consistent with Purdue. Persistence and success efforts need to be integrated. Students only spend 10% of their time in the classroom. Education should be happening everywhere for a holistic student experience. Students need support to address life challenges. We need to work collectively to address their needs.

The admits and housing deposits are down for fall. The indicators are a product of the existing challenges. Marketing materials were not ready on time. The Financial Aide letters typically mailed in January were not sent until March. Enrollment Services is doing everything to increase the yield. Gordy Pace is on this team. The deans and faculty are calling students. The University needs to better align efforts to retain existing students. The search for the VP of Enrollment and Strategic Communications has been launched.

President Bodnar shared a UPC Chart. It Identified low demand programs (anonymous) especially of higher cost. New programs that did not have five years of data were included in the analysis, but had to calculate the averages differently. The data was normalized against the Delaware averages. There were flaws in the data. The deans have the common sense check and must take a hard strategic look and re- think about how to offer critical programs. The Deans received the data at 3 p.m. today and will have a retreat on Saturday. They have had the preliminary data to start their thinking. They have been asked to look at anticipated attrition. Interim Provost Kirgis will present to Senate without names. No names will be released until the President makes his recommendations. The UPC is working with estimated budget impact, not exact dollars. Have to follow the CBA. Eventually the information will be public. There will be more clarity in May. The transition will be a multi-year process and will follow the CBA requirements as Academic Affairs is restructured.

The decisions will eliminate the sense of limbo from campus. We will have to acknowledge the trauma and grief, then work together as a community to move forward. Then as enrollment returns we will decide how to invest in key areas moving forward and renew our commitment to meet student needs. We need to thing about core competences to help differentiate our students. UM has a lot to be excited about. Our problems are fixable.

* ASCRC Chair Doug Coffin joined the meeting at 4:30 p.m. He informed ECOS of the Double major / dual degree discussions at ASCRC. There is poor language in the catalog and students are confused. UM has been allowing double majors across degree types, which is inaccurate. The issue was brought to ASCRC by Brian French because of an international student expecting to diplomas. Dual Degrees require 30 unique courses in addition to the first degree. Students receive 2 diplomas in this situation. A double major is one diploma. The Registrar’s Office can now print the double major on the degree as long as they are in the same college. ECOS members were encouraged to send comments edits regarding the draft language.

Student Success is a priority of ASCRC. Chair Coffin shared the Academic Affairs Forum Six points for student success with ASCRC The campus needs to identify obstacles that prevent students from graduating in 4 years. Degree maps would be helpful. He would like to see university spend time renovating programs not just cutting. He made some recommendations and suggests a summer Workgroup.   
  
ECOS suggested that we need to wait until after the President makes his recommendation regarding program prioritization. Many of the recommendations go beyond the scope of ASCRC. The President has some restructure groups working on some of these issues need to be addressed in collaboration with the administration including the new Provost needs to be involved. The draft documents should be de-politicized and focus on what can be achieved without rhetoric.

* Social Science room 352 has been reserved for the special meeting on April 17th and the listening sessions on April 24th and 26th. It is not ideal, but was the largest room available.
* ECOS will discuss how to structure the listening sessions at the April 19th meeting.
* Professor Manuel, who is serving on the UPC Data Subgroup shared that the scatter chart of anonymous programs with high cost/ low demand indicates 47% are in the realm of needing adjustment and will be discussed by the deans. The deans will be provided with the titles of the programs prior to the retreat on Saturday.

## Business items:

* Nominations and additional volunteers for the Missoula College Dean search will be forwarded to Claudine in the Provost’s Office. The search is being chaired by Dean Maclean. Professors Ann Delaney and Mark Pershouse were nominated.

* Nominations to Search Committee for the VP of Enrollment and Communication will be forwarded to the Chair, CIO Matt Riley. Professors Andrew Ware and Mary-Ann Bowman were nominated.
* ECOS approved the draft Faculty Senate agenda (below) with some changes.
* ECOS will consider whether the Appeal Policy should go to the Faculty Senate at the next meeting. Professor Manuel made some comments / suggestions after receiving feedback from Graduate Council. ASCRC still has not discussed the draft. Information about the timing needs to be added to the revised Reconsideration of Denied Curriculum Proposal.

## Senate Agenda

### Public Comment

(not to exceed 10 minutes)

### Communications

* ~~President Bodnar~~
* ~~ASUM President Braden Fitzgerald~~
* UFA Vice President ~~Paul Haber~~ Megan
* Interim Provost, Paul Kirgis – Transitional Information  
  University Planning Committee Data Subgroup Update
* Chair-Elect Matt Semanoff – UPC Mission and Identity Subgroup Update
* Chair's Report

### Committee Reports

* ASCRC Chair Doug Coffin
  + Curriculum Consent Agenda
  + Rounding for General Education Transfer Credit motion (to be edited, other items not ready)
* Graduate Council Chair Sandy Ross
  + Revised Graduate Increment Policy (with rationale)

### ~~New Business~~

* Center Review - ? Not ready, resend to Stacey and MaryAnn