Cabinet Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 20, 2019 | 9:00-10:00 a.m. | UH 004

Attendees
Seth Bodnar, Alex Butler, Cathy Cole, Lucy France, Paul Lasiter, Nathan Lindsay, Renae Scott; Matt Semanoff, Kelly Webster, Jessica Weltman

Minutes Approval
Minutes from the March 13 meeting are still pending

Priority for Action #1 (Nathan Lindsay)
- First Year Seminar Update
  - The working group has decided to keep a diversity of first-year courses rather than take a one-size-fits-all approach
  - This approach will require greater coordination across sections and clear common outcomes/goals/resources
    - Learning about campus resources
    - Developing a sense of community with peers and instructor
    - Connection with academic content and skill development
  - The First-year Seminar will now use the College Success (COLS 194) rubric, which is a new OCHE rubric
  - There will need to be funding allocated to allow for COLS 194 to be a 14-week, 2-credit course
  - Open forums on Gen Ed included feedback from students on first year seminar; there is a desire for a flipped classroom so that more applied work takes place in class based on the services we want the students to access
  - Questions remain regarding how we will allow for a diversity of teaching styles, student experiences, and content areas while providing a common set of experiences that we know enhances retention
  - Today, the General Education Committee is discussing whether we should make the First-year Seminar mandatory
  - We will need to identify who will coordinate this effort moving forward; Nathan has been coordinating, but many institutions house in student success under a first-year coordinator
• We hope to pilot the course this fall, attempting to coordinate across all of the diverse first-year sections

• We are posting a Math Coordinator position, which will be a split position between Mathematics and the Office for Student Success

Priority for Action #2 (Nathan Lindsay, Scott Whittenburg)

• The endowment for Bertha Morton is about $70k larger than we had expected
• Elizabeth Dove presented the Innovation Certificate to ASCRC, and the committee asked good questions about logistics while expressing general support
• Congressional D.C staffers are on campus today meeting various faculty who are doing federally funded research
• Teaching Excellence Initiative
  • Momentum persists
  • We’re developing a new online course for TAs
  • Two Faculty Inquiry Projects are focusing on teaching
  • A scientific teaching camp will be offered this summer, pro bono
• Online Learning
  • Maricel Lawrence started on Monday
  • The OPMs will be visiting this coming month
• Summer
  • We have 300 more registrants than at the same time last year, with registration for fall starting up
  • Summer housing
    • We are developing discount options for enrolled students
    • We are exploring the possibility of connecting the housing package to a meal plan
    • We currently are moving forward with a search for a permanent summer director; the committee will do Skype interviews with 6 candidates April 1 and 2

Adjourned at 9:55 a.m.