

PCC Minutes

October 6, 2011

Present: Ann Dollins, Debbie Patten, Hans Schellhas, Jon Hastings, Keith Walters, Dave Thomson, Hetal Jasani, Will Peveler, Denise Dallmer, Jeff Williams, Toru Sakaguchi, Patty Connelly, Tamara O'Callaghan, Thomas Leech, Phil McCartney, John Clarkin, Tom Cate, Brant Karrick, Melanie Walters, Ray McNeil, Michael Baranouski, Paul Bishop, Barbara Arrighi, Rob Zai, Mike King

Absent: Vanessa Hunn

The meeting was called to order by PCC Chair, Jeffrey Williams at 3:15 pm in SU 104.

The agenda was adopted by 1st motion, Phil McCartney; 2nd Tom Cate.

The minutes from the September 15, 2011 meeting of the PCC were approved by voice vote.

Jeffrey thanked PCC member Patty Connolly and Geography Lecturer Connie Bruins for volunteering to serve on the Bookstore Committee, set up by Andy Meeks, Director of Business Operations and Auxiliary Services, to develop criteria for reviewing bids for the new bookstore contract. He also thanked Debbie Patten for agreeing to serve as Secretary for the PCC this academic year, and the PCC members concurred in appreciation for her service.

Action Item: Student Government Request for Midterm Grades for All Undergraduates

Jeffrey opened discussion by asking members for further comments on this issue with reference to the summary statement (see Jeffrey's email to PCC members 9/19/11). Discussion followed resulting in formal motion by Phil McCartney to accept statement as written and move it forward to the Faculty Senate. Tom Cate 2nd motion; all approved by voice vote.

Setting PCC Agenda for Academic Year

Jeffrey asked for approval of the 5 item Agenda for the 2011-2012 academic year with ongoing PCC Responsibilities. This was approved via motion vote. Forming subcommittees to implement this was moved by Phil McCartney and 2nd by Mike King and approved by voice vote. (See the email –copied and added to end of minutes- sent to all PCC members by Chair Williams on 10/14 summarizing each subcommittee and proposing a schedule for the next meeting, Oct. 20th.)

New Business

1. Discussion occurred about the Presidential Search Committee process and the involvement of PCC in this process. Concerns were voiced regarding how PCC will receive information and have input to the Search Committee before the Job Placement Ad is written. The overall question voiced was 'What role does PCC have with

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candidates?' Chair Williams stated he would contact the screening committee with our overall concerns and report back to us. (See the email at end of minutes.)

2. Tamara O'Callaghan recommended that the university recognize all religious holidays, not only Christian ones. She stated that this fall's Major – Minor Fair was held on Rosh Hashanah and some students were unable to attend because they observed this Jewish holiday. She said that the University of Toronto has a list of all religious holidays for scheduling purposes and she offered to contact them and draft a proposal.

Next meeting is scheduled on October 20, SU 104

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Patten

Email sent by Chair Williams on 10/14 (and updated 10/19 to reflect latest subcommittee choices):

Dear PCC Colleagues: Thank you all for volunteering for the subcommittees we set up at our last meeting. There are a couple of slots yet to be filled, but here's how the subcommittees stack up now:

1. Branding NKU: Debbie Patten, Barb Arrighi, Phil McCartney, Annie Dollins, David Thomson, Hans Schellhas.

2. Collegial Governance: Denise Dalmer, Robert Zai, Will Peveler, Mike King, Jeffrey Williams

3. RPT: Keith Walters, Ray McNeil, Michael Baranowski, Tamara O'Callaghan, Hetal Jasani, Jon Hastings.

4. Campus Facilities: Tom Leech, Brant Karrick, John Clarkin, Patty Connelly, Melanie Walters.

5. Summer School Pay: Toru Sakaguchi, Paul Bishop, Vanessa Hunn, Tom Cate. If I've got your membership preference wrong or you want to make a switch, let me know.

Here's what I suggest we do. Meet as scheduled this coming Thursday in SU 104 -- briefly as the full PCC and after that as separate subcommittees in the cavernous space of SU 104 for a first discussion of how you want to proceed and what particular aspects of your topic you want to focus on. We might then

cancel the November 3rd PCC meeting, leaving subcommittees free to meet or not at the normal PCC meeting time that day. The next regular PCC meeting would be on November 17th.

Part of the reason I am suggesting this schedule is that since our meeting I have been impressed with how the Executive Committee has been working with the faculty members of the Presidential Screening Committee in the following respects. It looks likely that members of the Screening Committee will be present at the next Faculty Senate meeting on October 24 to review the search process and answer questions from Senators and faculty who choose to attend. I have been in touch with Carole Beere to request that we are given the maximum prior notice of open meetings for faculty being organized by her on behalf of the Presidential Screening Committee, and she assures me that will be the case. She and the faculty members of the Screening Committee are anxious to schedule the two open meetings at times that will insure the greatest possible faculty participation. My sense from all this is that the Executive Committee wants the Faculty Senate to take the leading role in monitoring the presidential search process on behalf of the faculty and that therefore the PCC has no separate role to play at the moment in the process. Once our subcommittees come up with positions, recommendations or whatever that relate to the presidential search, then the PCC can play an appropriate role. Given all this, it seemed inappropriate for us to take an independent course right now. If you disagree with my interpretation of how things stand, please let me know, and if enough of you want to insert the PCC more forcefully into the process now, I will give everyone an opportunity to make a collective decision about that.

One further point: it is reassuring to learn that the ad for the vacant presidency will not be finalized until after the various open meetings, so that it is possible to entertain the hope that our opinions about the preferred qualifications and expected responsibilities of NKU's next president will be reflected in the job description as it appears in the ad.

Unless I hear violent objections to my plan for us to meet briefly as a committee but mainly as subcommittees this coming Thursday, I shall go ahead with that schedule.

Best regards, Jeffrey