

AALT Meeting – November 6, 2014

Bill Heineman stated that he needed one of the Dean's to attend and speak at an up-coming President's Staff meeting. Dawna Perez agreed to attend this meeting and speak to the President's Staff meeting about the launch of STARFISH.

Item 1 on the agenda: Faculty Prioritization – Bill Heineman discussed the membership on the meeting has gone down since last year. The member's of last year's faculty prioritization were Cavan, Hudson, Kidney, McCarthy, Morrow, Phair, Slainer, Wade, Zubrow and Gouveia. (I'm missing one name on this list). Five from the TAPS Division, three from Judy's Division and two from Mary's Division.

Bill spoke about whether or not more faculty should be on the committee and which member's should have a vote. A discussion continued on this issue with several AALT members stating their opinions. Judy Zubrow stated that she believed the process was not fair due to the voting blocs within Divisions which had more representation on the committee.

Shar Wolff mentioned that she was concerned that smaller programs had more difficulty being recognized because of the low number of students within a program and the smaller number of courses within those programs.

Judy Zubrow also spoke about revenue and expenses, which areas bring in revenue to the college would be an important reason to impact decisions of faculty hiring. In addition, there was a discussion about looking at fairness when large programs have a section of a course that may not run as high as others but smaller programs are able to run courses with less than 15 students.

Janice Rogers suggested having a meeting prior to the larger meeting to discuss the issues stated above. Sharon McDermot suggested term limits so others can get to know the process. It was suggested that two year terms be given to those on the committee which should expire at different times.

Item 2: General Studies

Grace provided the new policy on the General Studies, Individual Option. Beginning Spring 2015 students will not be able to declare General Studies as a major. The new General Studies, Individual are for those students who are transferring in 15 or more credits. Grace will be sending this proposal forward to the Academic Affairs Committee.

Item 3: Marketing and Communications

Ron Taber discussed the role of the department within the college. He stated that his department is responsible for all internal communications, broadcast email, digital signage, and the mailroom/reprographics. He also let the group know that one of the primary responsibilities is for lead generation for potential enrollments.

Ron also explained that the NECC website will be undergoing a redesign.