

2019-11-7

Attending: Professor Laura McClusky, Assistant Professor Patti Goebel, Assistant Professor Lindsay Burwell, Provost and Dean of the College Cindy Speaker

Meeting was called to order at 11AM.

The committee looked at a Math position request from NMS and sent it back to get division approval.

The feedback received during the Provost Forum was discussed and the concerns expressed during that meeting will be considered in constructing the Master Academic Plan and the 5yr plan.

The committee worked on organizing what was going to be presented in faculty meeting on 11/13. During the meeting the committee wants feedback from the faculty on the following points associated with the Master Academic Plan.

1. The thoughts of faculty on the vision statement that has been worked on in collaboration with the Board of Trustees and the Academic Master Plan sub-committee. During the faculty meeting paper copies of the vision statement will be distributed for people to return with their feedback.
2. Introduce the concept of clusters/ pathways/ umbrellas and why this approach is useful in organizing and marketing what we do well on campus. During this discussion the committee wants to provide some context regarding why this concept is useful and how this concept has been used at other institutions. This concept could be used in the following ways:
 - Enriching the first-year experience
 - Building community and trust to collaborate/ share resources
 - Packaging our programs, which involves coursework, alumni, extracurriculars, internships and provide a way to highlight what we do well
 - Impacting faculty structure and the hiring of faculty that do not belong to a major.
 - Concerns about clusters, such as cluster maintenance and impact on faculty workload
 - Opening campus wide communication between majors instead of divisions.

After the faculty meeting the committee plans on collecting feedback on both the vision statement and the clusters concept. While the feedback is being collected, they will begin working on the 5yr plan.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15PM

Respectfully submitted,
Lindsay Burwell, Secretary pro tempore