

EFC Meeting September 26th 2017

Attendees:

Howard Salis, Chris Giebink, Doug Wolfe, Justin Schwartz, Jose Palacios, Chip Elliott, Daniel Hayes, Shelley Stoffels, Gang Tan, Gary Gray, Hosam Fathy, Pat Clements, Charles Tierney, Chris Masters

A. Dean's Report

1. Hiring a new Senior Director of Development
2. Hiring a new Associate Dean
3. Goal: gender-equality COE UG admissions in 6 years
 - Data-driven & outcome-based approach to admission
 - Improve perspectives on campus environment & curriculum
4. Continuation & expansion of successful Law, Policy & Energy proposal areas, including the development of new Law, Policy & X proposal areas
5. Proposed new seed grants for team-building to pursue larger ERC, Center, MURI, and DURIP grants
6. Proposed a target of 7500 COE undergraduate and 2500 COE graduate students, requiring recruitment of more graduate students.
7. Updates on Facilities plans. Two new COE buildings are being built on West Campus. A forward-looking campus plan was proposed to identify & develop 1 million sq.ft. total accessible space for COE departments and future Centers.

B. UG Committee

Several course changes. All approved.

C. Updates from Faculty Senate

Updates to LionPath policy, academic suspension policy, petition policy when late-adding courses past the deadline, bylaws/rules, filing of minority reports on policy discussions in sub-committees, more faculty involvement in policies affecting athletics, discussion of faculty policy involving World Campus, changes to bylaws to allow digital access to Faculty Senate archives, improved definitions of UG poor academic standing, updates to the "All-In" video for freshmen orientation, updated information for faculty to help students obtaining mental health support, discussion of policy to improve best-practices for P&T of women faculty, revised multi-year contracts for research/clinical non-tenured faculty, updated non-tenure track faculty career progression policies, discussion of low P&T rates for commonwealth faculty to full professor, changes to Aetna insurance policies & time-to-choose

period, status report on health care at UP & commonwealth campuses, video telecon
tech update, looking into new email/calendar system,