Committee Meeting Minutes
Strategic Planning Standing Committee, Faculty Senate

October 11, 2013, 8:00 AM
Computer Science Department Conference Room, TLC 2/F

Meeting started at 8:05 AM

Attendance

Chair   Rob Sanders (Political Science)

Member   Jon Anderson (Academic Affairs)
             Danilo Baylen (Educational Technology & Foundations)
             Betsy Dahms (Foreign Languages & Literature)
             Amy Farmer (Nursing)
             Will Lloyd (Computer Science)
             Abbot Packard (Educational Technology & Foundations)
             Angela Pashia (Library)
             Nadja Popov (History)

Guest   Craig Schroer (Library)
             Debra MacComb (English)

A. Introduction (Rob Sanders)

B. Goals of the Strategic Planning Committee (Rob Sanders)

Sanders talked about the goals of this standing committee with input from Lloyd as member of the University Strategic Planning Committee. A differentiation was made between the two committees given their goals and activities.

C. University Strategic Plan (Will Lloyd)

Lloyd discussed the work of the University Strategic Planning Committee and highlighted key ideas, such as, "increase graduation rates to 50% within 6 years" yet "maintaining standards," and the vision of becoming a "leading destination learning-focused university." Related conversation focused using UWG location strategically in competing with other USG institutions (e.g., Kennesaw, Georgia Southern). The documentation of committee's work will be sent out to the faculty in the week or two.

D. Library (Craig Schroer)

Schroer introduced him as an interested party to the activities of the committee as a library representative.

E. QEP (Jon Anderson)

Anderson provided an overview of process involved in the institution-wide selection of a QEP focus a couple of years ago --- i.e., to help students write in standard academic English. Issues related to core courses (areas A & B) and how they will be impacted by the QEP implementation generated multiple discussions. Anderson mentioned that the QEP documentation is going through final edits and once approved will be scheduled for implementation in the next 5-6 years.

Current timeline related to QEP includes a presentation to the Faculty Senate this October and followed by its availability to the campus community for comments (1 month). It is expected that the QEP documentation will be approved and pass by the Faculty Senate at its November meeting. However, it was pointed out that QEP cannot be implemented until SACS approves it.

F. SACS Update (Jon Anderson)

Currently, everything related to SACS accreditation and visit is in a holding pattern. Documentation was submitted last September. The review is expected to happen in early November. It is hoped that a report resulting from the review will be received around Thanksgiving.

The on-site SACS committee visit is scheduled on April 1-3, 2014. The schedule looks like they will be on campus on Monday and then visit the off-campus site at Newnan. A report will be drafted on Wednesday afternoon and a meeting with the President and Provost is scheduled the following day.

G. New Business -- Future Standing Committee Meeting (Rob Sanders)

The attendees agreed to meet on every first Friday of each month at 8:00 AM – i.e., two weeks before Senate agenda items are due. Members will be notified of the meeting venue once it is identified.

The next meeting is scheduled on Friday, November 1, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted by
Danilo M. Baylen and Angela Pashia