

Governance Committee Meeting  
Minutes  
Dec. 10, 2015

Present: David Alvarez, Bridget Gourley, Mark Kannowski, Glen Kuecker, Marnie McInnes, Lori Miles, Pam Propsom, Scott Thede, Sheryl Tremblay  
Guest: Anne Harris (VPAA)

Spring committee replacement positions. Need someone for Rebecca Alexander on WCC, John Berry on Admissions, one-semester replacement for Mark Kannowski on Review Committee, plus an additional 18-month member. Carrie Klaus for asked about procedure for replacing Jim Mills on FDC deliberations when his own proposal is being reviewed and we gave her the “go ahead” to do so.

Coordinated work with the Administration. We had invited Anne Harris to meet with us to discuss issues of joint interest. Anne reported that the Board of Trustees (BOT) winter meeting agenda is still being discussed and hasn't been finalized. She is not sure she'll be addressing the entire BOT; the VPAA doesn't always present to the entire board. Anne reported that a recent big issue has been the McDermond Center and the Task Force Report. Anne has not implemented all of the Task Force recommendations. There are external advisory boards to both McDermond Center and Pulliam Center, which complicates things in terms of governance. As announced at Faculty Meeting, the university will be doing a search for a Director of the McDermond Center; Michele Villinski will still be Director of the Management Fellows program. Task Force recommendations—expanding size of class, revising/updating curriculum, four tenure-lines in Business. Governance Committee members inquired whether the Task Force report can be made public so that others know what it says. There is a potential tension in terms of governance because of external advisory and internal advisory boards, and a director. Anne believes they have a working solution. For example, one idea is to have visiting professorships rather than all new tenure lines in Management Fellows.

Talked about the need to diversify students in Honors Programs. DePauw is one of the only institutions to host two Posse Scholar classes and a Bonner class, but we don't celebrate this enough. So much hangs on the new Power, Privilege, & Diversity requirements and Global Crossroads initiative.

BOT has a genuine desire to better understand our curriculum.

3-2-1 conversation. If Anne gets to talk to the BOT, she would like them to see what a current faculty workload looks like and how much more we could do if we had this Flexible Sixth course. Number one thing faculty said they would do with the “flexible 1” would be student-faculty research. This is not a “done deal.” This might be a joint conversation for the Strategic Planning Committee and Governance Committee. 3-2-1 would help DePauw be competitive; also relates to campus

climate, allowing faculty to have more interaction with students and be recognized for it.

Library. One more try at a big renovation. About \$4.5-5 million away. “Space of academic tradition on campus.” Access and collaboration. Some incredible plans have been drawn up. Two ideas—reading room in the back and an entrance onto Indiana Street that opens us up to housing in that area.

Academic Mission. New gen ed requirement opened up the conversation. We’re thinking about the kind of community we are and want to be. Have more discussion about and resources for pedagogy.

Items for the future. The Curriculum Committee will be evaluating Winter Term. RAS and Opportunity Hire process—university is researching it this year.

Philadelphia Center. Needs a committee to address: Philly Center, GLCA approved program, run by Hope College. Hope College will hire only Christian faculty, and this came up with hiring a new director of the Philly Center. Some colleges will not participate/send students to Philly Program any more. What will our university response be? Let interested students know about Hope’s policy and let them make an informed decision about whether or not they personally want to participate? What committee should address this? (Anne shared with Pam a copy of documentation presented at the GLCA presidents’ meeting regarding this issue. Pam could share this with everyone or just send most relevant sections.)