

HHD Department Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2009, 2:00-3:30

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1. Chairs of the strategic committees gave updates on their committee progress. The committees are making satisfactory progress toward their goals.
2. Sandy Osborne described a format for collecting our current activities (within the department). This information will be collected during the annual reviews so that we can identify all that we do as a department. Please contact Lynn Paul if you need a copy of the 1 page form that was given during the meeting so that this can be completed prior to your annual review with Tim.
3. Deb Redburn and Sandy Osborne discussed the many scholarship/recognition opportunities through the college and university. Please see the opportunities on the college web site and consider nominating faculty/students.
4. One of the goals that were set as part of our strategic planning process was to publish articles in higher tier journals. During your evaluations please inform Tim if the journal is in a low, medium or high tier journal and if you have made any significant progress in this area, i.e., the quality of the journal.
5. The remodel of Romney Gym is going well and should be completed in a few weeks. Also, 3 candidates will be coming to campus for interviews over a 3 week period starting Jan. 26th. Please contact Cheryl for details.
6. Tim discussed a number of ways that the department could consider generating income for the department and provide additional compensation for faculty. This is something that we need to strongly pursue as long as these efforts fit in with our mission and strategic goals. In addition to the examples Tim provided (Sports Camp, Early childhood distance partnership, Dietetics internship) it was suggested that we consider offering a consulting service for evaluation.
7. Tim discussed the need to review our hiring priorities as a department with a long-term orientation rather than an ad hoc basis. Faculty agreed with this idea and thought it would be helpful to have Isaac facilitate this discussion at our retreat. The faculty suggested that Tim visit with Isaac to see if we needed to do any work on this process prior to the retreat.
8. A discussion was undertaken about common minimum grade for all undergraduate courses... considerations for the next catalogue, 2010-2011. Is it a "C" or "C-." Currently we do not have consensus on this issue. There are 3 programs that do not have a minimum grade requirement published in the 2008-2010 catalogue (FCS non-teaching, Early Childhood Education and Childhood Services and Community Health). Tim will contact the program leaders from these areas to identify the minimum grade for this catalogue and write a formal letter to the registrar. During the next couple of months Tim will meet with the program leaders to identify a common minimum grade.