DOCTORAL PROGRAM PRIORITIZATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Wednesday Nov 15, 2017  
11:15 am – 12:15 pm  
SUB 236

Committee in Attendance:
Anne Camper (CoE)  
Alan Dyer (CoAg)  
Jayne Downey (EHHD)  
Tami Eitle (Academic Affairs)  
Ian Godwin (OPA)  
J Patrick Hatfield (CoAg)  
Jordy Hendrikx (CLS)  
Jeff Heys (CoE)  
J Patrick Hatfield (CoAg)  
Yves Idzerda (CLS)  
Clem Izurieta (CoE, Faculty Senate)  
Tim LeCain (CLS)  
Nic Rae (CLS)  
Sarah Shannon (CoN)  
Robert Walker (CLS)

Special Guest: Robert Mokwa (Provost)

Meeting started at 3:00 pm

The committee consisting of 10 faculty and 5 administrators (4 also are tenured faculty), met for the first time to discuss the charge to review doctoral programs with an eye towards prioritization among the programs.

Provost Bob Mokwa addressed the committee. He described the committee’s charge, provided some reasons for the review and goals of the review. He mentioned the increasing pressure from the Montana Board of Regents and the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education for all public colleges and universities in the state to conduct academic program prioritization. He mentioned the aggressive timeline to complete this review and potential categories that a program may be placed in at the end of the review

He repeatedly stressed the importance of communication, transparency, and collaboration of the process to the campus and community. He thanked the committee members for volunteering to serve on this committee and to assist the chair of the committee – Dean Karlene Hoo.

Provost Mokwa departed to attend another meeting at noon. Committee member Hendrikx also left at noon to teach class. Dean Hoo then continued the meeting with the committee.

Highlights of the meeting
1. There was a reference to the criteria (alignment, internal demand, productivity, quality, efficiency, and opportunity analysis with weights) used by UM for their academic and administrative services prioritization.
2. The committee was invited to visit the UM academic program and administrative services prioritization (APASp) website http://www.umt.edu/apasp/

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3. Discussion on “admissible data” that may not be available through OPA.
4. Committee requested access to Academic Analytics – OPA’s Godwin responded that he would contact David Singel about access.
5. Some concern about how this review would be received. Dean Hoo was asked to speak with Tracy Ellig in communications.
6. Committee asked if they could discuss with other faculty – the answer was there is to be transparency of the process.
7. Committee thought a website similar to UM’s could be created to disseminate information.
8. Committee was informed that at the BOR meeting on 11/16 in Bozeman, that Provost Mokwa would inform the BOR that this review was starting.

Adjourned at 12:30 pm

Next scheduled meeting – Thursday, November 30 at 3:00 pm (President’s Conference Room)