

The University of Akron
Contract Professional Advisory Committee
2008-2009 Committee Meeting

Minutes

Meeting Date: December 17, 2008

Call to Order: 3:00 p.m.

Membership: Greg Dieringer, Amy Gilliland, Mary Jane Grebenc, John Gurnak, Nan Whitsel, Laura Conley, Cyndee Ramsthaler, Charlene Kemp-Queener, Michelle Ellis, Jeanette Carson

Ex-officio: Kent Marsden (President Pro-Tem)

Attendance: Greg Dieringer, Amy Gilliland, Mary Jane Grebenc, Cyndee Ramsthaler, Jeanette Carson. Kent Marsden, Matt Petras, and Michelle Ellis.

Agenda, Action, & Discussion:

1. Board of trustees report from Nan.
 - a. Dr. Proenza spoke at Wayne State.
 - b. 200 Honors students have already been accepted. Average GPA of 3.95.
 - c. Approval of the formation of the Colleges of Creative and Professional Arts and Health Sciences and Human Services.
 - d. Approval of the academic calendar through 2012. Start of the Fall 2009 semester will be August 24. Start of the Spring 2010 semester will be January 10.
 - e. The total number of giving dollars is down, but the total number of gifts has been up this year.
2. Faculty Senate Report from Amy and John.
 - a. Faculty Senate will have a special meeting to discuss and vote on the bi-laws for University Council.
3. Kent Marsden provided updates on the University Council.
 - a. CPAC will be forming a subcommittee to draft new bi-laws for CPAC that will align with the University Council.
 - b. Greg will solicit volunteers for the committee.
4. Two CPAC members are needed to serve on the Budget Hearing Committee. The Provost will select one of the two members.
5. Recap of the SEAC/CPAC Holiday Social
 - a. It was a successful event with close to 200 employees and their families in attendance.
 - b. Will discuss future functions with SEAC.
6. CPAC will invite A.G. Monaco to a meeting after the first of the year to ask questions and discuss issues.
 - a. CPAC members will submit questions which will be provided to A.G. in advance.
7. Jeanette and Amy shared information from the Benefits Committee.
 - a. The proposal for a Smoke-Free Campus is moving forward. It will go to the President and then the Board of Trustees for final approval.

- b. A.G. Monaco discussed the RFP process for benefits. One of the recommendations is that bids should go out every 4-5 years instead of every two as it is currently being done. A.G. also mentioned the potential for multiple institutions in Northeast Ohio to combine the benefits process to leverage for better packages.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: TBA

Submitted by: Greg Dieringer for Charlene Kemp-Queener