Members Present: Kristian Twombly, David Sikes, Judith Kilborn, Joe Melcher, Dan Gregory, Lakshmaiah Sreerama, Mark Petzold, Debra Leigh, Mike Reedy, Sara Grachek, Diana Burlison, Diana Lawson, Michele Mumm, Mike Ernst, Juliet Ogembo, Sarah Miles, Lalita Subrahmanyan, Debra Carlson, Mike Sharp,

Minutes – February 16, 2012:
Approved as amended.

Additional Agenda Items:
  • None

University College forum update

March 1, 2012  1-3 pm  Voyageurs South, AMC

Name Change Request: Counseling and Community Psychology

  • The requesting department had further discussion and it was agreed upon to keep the name change request as it was previously proposed and submitted.
  • It was pointed out that it is important to keep the name change process and curriculum change process separate.
  • Even though the rubric changed after the department name change was approved in Atmospheric and Hydrologic Sciences, it was suggested that perhaps the curriculum process should go forward before department name changes happen.
  • Applied Psychology outside of the Psychology department seems problematic and seems to imply that “applied psychology” is part of the Psychology Department.
  • When researching online, a rationale or broad criteria in naming departments is very difficult to find and all over the place so there is no real best practices.
  • Applied psychology is a very broad term and it would be more beneficial if the department would choose a name with a more narrow focus.
  • Other applied programs on campus are located within the a department
  • There seems to be some process items that need to be reconsidered.
  • There needs to be some clarification of what needs to go through the curriculum process before a name change request comes to the Strategic Planning Committee.
Move that the name change be recommended to the Provost.

Motion: 11 objections. Motion Fails.

Move that the administration provide some guidance in the sequencing of related processes when requesting recommendations and input from the SPC. (e.g. unit name change/curriculum changes)

Diana Lawson/Judy Kilborn No objections. Motion Passes.

**Strategic Action Plan Survey**

A draft of the survey format was projected for everyone to see and a hard copy of the survey questions were handed out for review and comment. A link to the survey will be sent to each SPC member asking them to provide feedback on any additions/corrections that are needed.