College Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2018
505A

Present:
GSE Reps -Robin Hummel, Amy Kline, Michele Ryan (SAT)
CP Reps - Pam Wheeler-Civita**,** Evi Rivera-Williams (SAT)**,** David Mortimer
S&O Reps - Kelly Lorenz**,** Angela Persaud
IPR Reps - Sylvie Fan (Hsiao-Yi Fan)**,** Alexander Iwachiw
DERO Rep – Charles Babian (recorder)
BSEC Rep - Katherine Baldwin
Ex-Officio Reps: Akilah Rosado-McQueen, Shael Polakow-Suransky

Call to order at 3:35 PM
Reviewed meeting minutes as amended by Robin and approved.
Recorder for February will be Michele Ryan

Agenda Item I: CAC Meeting with the Governance Committee
February 6th 9AM – 10 AM Room C12; preparations for the meeting with the Trustees of the Committee in February. Our work in year one and in year two. Governance Committee is aware of the charter and of the past practice (Staff Council). Akilah explained that the role of the Governance Committee is to oversee recruitment and reelection of board members, compliance (general compliance with bylaws), and the honorary degree conferral.

Kelly will assemble the materials for the presentation in a deck and share with the CAC for feedback and comments. All members of the CAC are encouraged to attend this presentation, if possible.

Agenda Item II: Charles' Proposal regarding All-College Meetings Structure
Charles briefly reviewed the highlights of the proposal. There was a lengthy discussion of the ideas in the proposal that meetings could be focused on a particular division, which is what we've agreed to do for the remaining All Colleges for this year.
There was also a discussion of whether or not leadership might consider ways to plan their divisional meeting times in a way that could/would include or draw more participation from other divisions and groups. Many questions arose from the discussion:

- What does the All College do? What is the function of this meeting? Consideration was made about whether or not other institutions do anything similar.
- Some members voice the idea (ideal) that this was our community's opportunity to hear from the president and others about current affairs, concerns, progress, issues.
- Do we need a different structure? What would that look like? (Reference to the above discussion of division meetings and retreats.) A further discussion centered on an ideal of fostering a culture of collaboration or community. Is there a way to communicate what opportunities and possibilities there are? What is really happening at the College that others do not know about or discussed? For example, the SFC's *Day of Service*; with more lead time and more information, there is the potential for stronger inter/intra-

departmental collaboration and outcomes.
- Why is it that there seems to be little dialogue about the new work that is happening all around us? What are the goals for the All College other than to have them?

We returned to the proposal and looked more closely at the idea of coming up with ways to bring people together:

- Each person on the CAC has an opportunity to meet with the leadership in their division to communicate these concerns about sharing work, information, and goals of the institution.
- There is an opportunity in the All College to share and collaborate in a thematic way – if the topic is planned and announced – and if division leaders encourage attendance. Do we have expectations that we are still the "small" Bank Street? Are we not really more like Columbia? Do they have an All College? There was some discussion about reasons for low attendance. Is it the time the meeting is held? Is it that people are not encouraged to attend?
- Or should division meetings make a greater effort to find ways to include and hear from other divisions?
- Are the All College meetings a chance for us to hear from the President? We do get a routine email from Shael to recap the work of the school and issues we currently face. Does that meet this need?
- For some parts of the institution, the All College is a chance to feel and understand how each group belongs to the College.

What should be the goal of the All College? And what should we attempt to do in the next two meetings? This discussion raised many questions:

- Does All College serve so many purposes that it meets no one's needs?
- Does it do too much? Or not enough?
- Is there enough chance to really build community?

Overall it seems that the consensus of the group is that the purpose of All College should be to:

- Building community;
- Disseminate important new information;
- A forum in which to hear about how the College (as a whole) is addressing community and national/international issues that affect us and the work of the college;
- Planning the meetings in advance – and announcing a theme or topic in advance might serve to market the meetings.

Questions were asked about the frequency and work that is put into the big College-wide retreat. It is not possible (fiscally) to hold this type of retreat more than every other year (most probably not). Also, Akilah and Kelly confirmed that the planning and logistics that go into creating this event is too great to do more often.

Discussion about the next two meetings; should we do business as usual or try something else?

1. It seemed the consensus that the February 27th All College will include a portion of the meeting to focus on the Graduate School Programs and it was reported that Cecelia was

looking for input on what that should look like. It was also discussed that there might be a report on upcoming construction work in the main building.

2. For the May 8th All College , the balance of the institution programs (IPR, BSEC, Straus Center, Guttman, CCRE, and DERO) will each be given an opportunity to report to the community.

3. For the Fall 2018: A final review of the idea to build on a College-wide retreat could potentially be for next year's meetings. It seems that Racial Literacy might be a good topic.

Agenda Item III: Amy's Proposal regarding Events and Communications
Moved to next CAC meeting.

Adjourn 5:15 PM