

University Leadership Council Meeting Notes

February 26, 2015

Members Present: Ken Ayoob, Peg Blake, Mary Hackett, Denice Helwig, Anna Kircher, John Lee, Cyril Oberlander, Steve Smith, Frank Whitlatch, Craig Wruck, Noah Zerbe, Jenny Zorn

Guests: Adrienne Colegrove-Raymond, John Johnson, Steve Karp, Roger Wang, Radha Webley

Welcome

Interim Provost Jenny Zorn led the meeting due to President Rossbacher's travel schedule.

IT Disaster Recovery

Chief Information Officer Anna Kircher shared the updated HSU Information Technology Disaster Recovery Plan. She discussed priorities, generators, battery back up for loud speakers, the emergency text messaging "opt-in" program, communication channels, staffing and the availability of assistance from other CSUs. The ULC reviewed and accepted the plan.

Commencement

Provost Zorn discussed the plans to streamline commencement this year in order to shorten the ceremony times and eliminate congestion between events. The changes are mostly procedural and will not significantly change the logistics of the ceremonies. Official name cards will be printed by the Registrar's Office to ensure that proper names are read at the event, rather than inappropriate nicknames or marriage proposals. Students who do not use their legal names will still have an opportunity to indicate their preferred name. CAHSS and CNRS Departments will host individual receptions either before or after their ceremonies and CPS will host a shared reception in the KBR.

Introduction

Radha Webley, RISS AVP, introduced Dr. John Johnson, the new director of the African American Center for Academic Excellence (AACAE). Dr. Johnson has a Ph.D. in social psychology from UC Santa Cruz. His research focused on the experiences of black students attending predominantly white academic institutions and strategies to support their recruitment and retention. Construction on the AACAE space in Nelson Hall East will be completed by the end of April. Dr. Johnson is currently connecting with students and faculty across campus.

Strategic Plan

Noah Zerbe thanked everyone for attending the recent Strategic Planning Workshop and said that 350 people attended throughout the day. Feedback, comments and notes from the workshop will be posted on the Strategic Plan website. Results from the student survey will be shared with the ULC and results from the faculty/staff survey will be available soon. A draft plan will be distributed to the University Senate and the University community by early April.

Next Meeting

The next ULC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 2 at 9:00 a.m. in the CCR.