Minutes of the Internal Governance Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 29, 2009

Members Present: Paul van Donkelaar (Chair), Dave Dusseau, Judith Eisen, Gordon Nagayama Hall, Peter Keyes, Deb Olsen, Scott Pratt, Ann Tedards, Marilyn Skalberg (staff),

Members Excused: Susan Gary, Dave Hubin (staff)

Also Present: Frank Stahl, Henriette Foss, Peter Gilkey, Zachary Stark-MacMillan

The committee discussed the proposed timeline, website, and goals for this group. The website for the committee will be developed by November 11.

The committee discussed governance models in terms of defining, developing, illustrating, presenting, and implementing.

In regards to developing alternative governance models, it was suggested to: run different practical scenarios through the models to test them, develop a separate statement of enabling legislation under the purview of any governance bodies included in governance models, include consideration of how committees could best be organized and used to complement the broader scope of the larger governing bodies, and include a diagram of each alternative model. Peter Keyes agreed to diagram models developed.

Judith Eisen made a formal motion “...to address what it is we want to accomplish in terms of governance before we start talking about particular ways that governance bodies might be structured.” The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

The committee decided to compile a key list of issues that should be addressed by any governance model and then develop models that would successfully be able to govern those issues (e.g. curriculum matters, admissions, budget, personnel matters, student life, space allocation, etc.). Judith Eisen agreed to draft a list of issues, including any student input. Simultaneously, the committee will be developing governance models looking at mandates and rulings from the legislature and the Department of Justice. Peter Keyes agreed to look at other institutional governing models and summarize.

Peter Gilkey and Frank Stahl agreed to collaborate on a combined model and will submit to the committee via email.

The next meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 2009. The meeting to be held the week of the Thanksgiving holiday will need to be rescheduled.