

Meeting of the Villanova University Academic Policy Committee

Wednesday, November 5, 2014
Mendel Science Center, room 103

MINUTES

Present: Andrea Conte, Alice Dailey, Ken Kroos, John Olson, Jayme Nordin, Louise Russo (chair), Jutta Seibert, Nancy Sharts-Hopko, Randy Weinstein, Joyce Willens, Catherine Warrick

Not in Attendance: Wayne Bremser (NIA), Jerusha Conner, Mark Doorley (NIA), Paul Hanouna (NIA), Susan Mackey-Kallis, John LeComte, Christine Palus (NIA), Paul Pasles (NIA), Adele Lindenmeyr (NIA), Wenhong Luo (NIA), Lesley Perry, Fayette Veverka (NIA), Kelly Welch (NIA), Craig Wheeland (NIA), Daniel Wright (NIA)

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

- I. The chair provided an update in the search for the new Dean for the College of Professional Studies. The committee will be completing in-person interviews with the top six candidates. These will occur the first week of December and it is expected that a group of three finalists will be identified. The final meeting of the APC for the fall semester has to be canceled as it was in conflict with the schedule for these final series of candidate interviews so that the chair can fully participate in this important phase of the process.
- II. The focus of the meeting was a general discussion of the development of the job position description and process of selection for the new University Provost. Several members participated in small group sessions with representatives of Diversified Search, the organization that will be running the search process. Those present who had participated in these sessions shared summary information about the nature of the dialogue and focus issues that were presented as focus topics. Nancy Sharts-Hopko, chair of the Provost search committee, shared brief information about the plan and process that was just being defined at that time to draft a job position description. Few details were specified other than the solicitation of both internal and external candidates, anonymity of candidates and when their identities would be revealed to the university community, and level of faculty interaction with finalists during their on-campus visits. Members shared thoughts on issues including whether the candidate selected should come from an academic background, should be able to be hired or currently at the level of full professor at Villanova, and should have a strong scholarship history. This dialogue permitted free exchange of ideas and concerns with the confidence that these will be incorporated in search committee

deliberations as they work to define the job description to begin the candidate solicitation phase of the process.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Russo

Members of APC: Wayne Bremser, Jerusha Conner, Andrea Conte, Alice Dailey, Mark Doorley, Kail Ellis (represented by Craig Wheeland), Louise Fitzpatrick (represented by Lesley Perry), Gary Gabriele (represented by Randy Weinstein), Paul Hanouna, Ken Kroos, John LeComte, Adele Lindenmeyr, Susan Mackey-Kallis, Patrick Maggitti (represented by Daniel Wright), Wenhong Luo, Jayme Nordin, John Olson, Christine Palus, Paul Pasles, Louise Russo (chair), Jutta Seibert, Nancy Sharts-Hopko, Catherine Warrick, Fayette Veverka, Kelly Welch, Joyce S. Willens