

Meeting between FS and Middle States HU leadership

Date, Time, Place:

7.9.19 From 1pm – 1:45pm, Locke Hall, conference room

Attendees:

Rubin Patterson, Daphne Bernard, Lynne Kelly, Joanne Allard, Marcus Alfred

Summary:

The meeting went well. The faculty members mainly listened to updates from the Dean and Liaison Officer. Several questions were asked by the faculty in attendance. Brief notes from the meeting follows.

Notes:

1. Research phase is done.
2. Working group teams completed their research reports.
3. Started in the fall. 1st Draft of working group research reports turned in December 2018.
4. Turned in to Steering committee.
5. The steering committee read and made comments and sent back to working groups. This went through several iterations.
6. The writing phase has begun. Putting together a narrative that combines all of the working group documents.
7. More research is also going on filling in any wholes for narrative.
8. Shirley Jackson is the site chair. RPI president.
9. 10/24/19 preliminary visit by Dr. Jackson.
10. The report is due to her a month before that. – 9/24/19.
11. Before going to her, it's got to go to president and provost for approval, and before that to the editor.
12. So the HU MS committee would like a final version and feedback by end of August.
13. Their results indicate HU is in compliance with all standards.

14. Since HU like all other universities, we aren't without areas that could be improved, seeking to identify a few major areas for recommendation for the campus community to address. Only 5 or 6.

15. Dr. Jackson and Dr. Frederick had dinner earlier and discussed a bit of this.

16. Committee wants consensus on 4,5, or 6 recommendations.

17. Middle States set a 100-page limit for the Self Study.

18. Dr. Bernard is liaison officer to Middle States. Takes job seriously.

19. Research focus.

20. The leadership want feedback after writing from stakeholders. From 12 recommendations, what are the top 5 or 6?

21. These top 5 or 6 are the ones that will have follow up. Patterson recommends a task force established to tackle each of the recommended areas for improvement. This way, unlike the past areas will be addressed.

22. Question - How were faculty representatives on committee selected?

- a. Came from provost office
- b. asked Dr. Wright and Sobrian for recommendations
- c. for 2 to 4 senate representatives
- d. Letter sent from provost to all faculty seeking nominations..
- e. Sought people with experience in evaluation assessment, finance, health care.
- f. Chairs of working groups recruited others.
- g. Sought participation from all 13 schools and colleges; diversity in permanent faculty rank: assistant, assoc, and full

23. Committee tried to get diversity

- a. various schools
- b. disallow one - too many from one department in one group

24. Leadership reasons for assistant non tenured on committee and working group. Not really vulnerable (heard criticism - untenured may not say what's going on, or just don't know since they are fairly new.)

- a. most are advanced enough that their portfolio is solid

b. helps with their professional development

25. Administration's key ask – what are the key recommendations?

26. Question – Can the site chair go where she wants and talk to whom she wants to? Yes. Likewise the self study group.

27. Question – Is the 2009 self study report available and will it's questions be addressed? It's available, but this is a new report, so no, it's questions won't be addressed.

28. Question – From the 2009, was this new handbook driven by that self study? Yes, but as a reminder, it was there because HU put it there.

29. Next will be 8 years from this one. Dr. Bernard – but this should be an ongoing process.

30. Key question accreditation trying to help with – providing quality education in ethical and reasonable manner. And living up to the mission.

31. Question – each school is different. Some have their own accrediting bodies. There is a basic concern for resources in the business school for example that was expressed by their accrediting body.

32. Dr. Patterson & Bernard: PPTF is useful to provide resources. Allows HU to sunset some programs and to invest in others. Invest to grow.

33. Dr. Bernard asks what is the process for renewal? Something that is not just driven by 8 year accreditation?