Governance Council Meeting
November 11, 2013
Minutes

Present: Anna Barker; Jessica Chambers; Guy Altieri; Mike Harsh; Ted Kaiser; Shannon Kehne; Barbara Macht; Bernard Murphy; Mary Saum; Theresa Shank; Dave Warner

Progress of Ad Hoc Committees:

The FLPTC, Safety and Security, and Campus Communications ad hoc committees have all had initial meetings in which charge statements were reviewed and discussed. The FLPTC and Safety and Security have requested more time, which was approved by the President. The quality of the studies and recommendations is far more important than completing them in late winter.

The charge statement for the Smoking on Campus Ad Hoc Committee was reviewed by the Council. Many individuals are seen not adhering to the designated smoking areas. Several MD community colleges are smoke-free and the committee, after study, will make recommendations regarding that option versus being more restrictive regarding the areas and penalties for violation. Mike Harsh will appoint the faculty co-chair (D.J. Madron), Dr. Altieri, the administrative co-chair (M. Carlson), and Ted Kaiser, two students.

Governance Training:

The Council will provide training for the shared governance process during the workshop week in January. The governance manual will be highlighted, along with the College’s decision-making chart. Accomplishments (policies developed) over the decade, and opinions regarding areas of needed improvement, and an informal question and answer period are planned for the one hour session.

Suggestions for discussion topics and included:

1. More detailed charge statements for standing committee assignments should be similar in detail to those for ad hoc committees.
2. “Unit planning helps define what shared governance is not.” Shared governance committees do not deal with finances and personnel issues.
3. The Board approves (or not) policies brought forward by the President. The involvement and purpose is not operational in nature.