Internal Governance Meeting

Aug 14, 2012 – Bonnie 229 1:00pm

The IG Meeting was led by Erin Webster-Garrett and began at 1:00pm in Bonnie 229.

Attendees: Ashlee Claud (President, AP Senate), Pam Caldwell (Past President, Staff Senate), Jake Fox, (Faculty Senate Executive Council), Laura Jacobsen (President, Faculty Senate), Pat Shoemaker (Academic Affairs Leadership Team), Sam Shumate (President, Staff Senate), Sherry Wade (AP Senate), Erin Webster Garrett (Convener, Office of Provost), Dennie Templeton (Past President, AP Senate)

Number of Attendees: 12

1. Introductions: All committee members gave name and role in IG

II. History of IG reform process to date: Erin Webster-Garrett gave an overview of IG and printed out IG’s documents and shared her research of IG in previous years. Also Erin gave an overview of Rod Smolla’s visit on June 6th, 2012 where he met with four focus groups that were very positive and productive.

Discussions continued of what our beginning stages will be to form a cohesive and effective model of IG which will build positive relationships through-out RU campus, BOV, President Kyle and others throughout the NRV.

III. External Consultant: Rod Smolla, has a great reputation and has been involved in IG reform processes at several higher-ed institutions. His contract states that he would make a minimum of three campus visits and provide a report following the last consultation.

IV. Discussion:

1. Create an agenda for Rod Smolla’s campus visit on October 25, 26, 2012.

Rod Smolla entered into a contract with RU; preliminary to the written contract Smolla had agreed in a conference call with Dr. Minner and Erin Webster-Garrett to three campus visits this year and a final report inclusive of IG models for us.

1. IG Committee members discussed filling-in Rod’s agenda and structuring his time October 25 -26, 2012 to include BOV, President Kyle, student leadership, and a Town Hall type event.
2. Broached the possibility of a February return to campus– This might be an open meeting, maybe Rod could give his report at this time

V. Three main areas of focus for our next meeting:

1. Time Line
2. Mission
3. Membership

Next meeting: Friday, August 24, 2012 Committee would like to meet on Fridays but will try and schedule a few meetings in between to get more accomplished along the way.