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9/21 Executive Committee meeting minutes--approved

EC members in attendance: Tom Cook, Roger Casey, Pedro Bernal, Larry Eng-Wilmot, Hoyt Edge, Wendy Brandon, Lisa Tillmann

guests: Jim Small, Fiona Harper

I. hiring into programs:

Tom: EC will recommend to faculty that by-laws be amended to read “program or department”.

Lisa volunteered to present at 10/12 faculty meeting.

Tom consulted all-college by-laws and saw no obstacles to bringing issue before A & S faculty.

Hoyt: we also need to eliminate “lecturer” category from by-laws because category of faculty no longer exists at Rollins.

II. proposed Marine Biology major:

Sharon: proposal passed AAC. Size of major same as biology.

Hoyt: calculated bio at 66 credits, MB at 70.

Fiona: It's 68 including prerequisites.

Sharon: chart shows MB's commitment to RCC.

Jim: biology does RCC every year.

Sharon: Students would start major in their 1st year—same as other science majors. MB major projected to recruit 10-12 students per year.

Sharon: clarification: field study does not have to be a full semester.

Tom: under what expectations were the two MB faculty hired? Were positions described as marine science?

Jim: we expressed a preference, especially w/ the ecology position.

Sharon: the ad read, “with a plan to develop MB program.”

Tom: faculty usually raise staffing questions and questions about size of program in relation to student's overall program.

Larry: chemistry majors average 178-190 hours, taking additional courses (14 on average outside Bush). Some double majoring, some taking minors.

Wendy: what will be bio's contribution to gen. ed.?

Jim: same as now: 7-8 courses per year.

Tom: no MB major courses satisfy gen eds for non majors.

Roger: how many MB majors likely will go on to grad. school?

Fiona: half.

Roger: why not reduce size of major by eliminating electives and track those bound for grad school into recommended courses?

Lewis: bio depts. often split along such lines.

Jim: we know that MB major is of interest to students; Rollins in perfect location; we have staff in place.

Fiona: we are losing students because we don't currently have this.

Wendy: what about a track/specialization under bio major?

Sharon: by the time we build a high-quality concentration, we have equivalent of major.

Roger: can't market it.

Fiona: we have identified 13 interested students within bio major.

Sharon: will you need separate chair?

Jim: at first it will be chaired by bio. dept.; MB may eventually need its own coordinator.

Wendy: interdisciplinary/global focus?

Sharon: what if a student wanted to study abroad?

Lewis: would support if MB reduced its requirements. I challenge all science majors at Rollins to scale back. Better schools accommodate more interdisciplinarity. All students go to grad school w/ deficiencies. Our science majors look like research university tracks.

Sharon: moves MB major be forwarded to faculty.

Roger: need to move first list of "electives" to core (because students must take one), making for eight core courses.

Decisions:

1. 9/14 minutes approved.
2. Voted to affirm that, at CEC meetings, majority means "majority of those voting".
3. Voted to eliminate lecturer category from by-laws because category no longer exists.
4. Tom will author proposal for 10/12 faculty meeting (to be presented by Lisa) that would allow hiring into programs as well as departments.
5. Amended MB major to be forwarded to faculty.