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Date: October 13, 2021

Members present: Nancy Nisbett (Chair), Brynn Saito, Varaxy Yi, Todd Lone, Leslie Weiser, Fariborz Tehrani, Deborah Hart, Jose Medina, Caroline Alvaraz

Visitors: None

Members absent: Carolyn Coon (ex-officio)

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM in Zoom

1. **Agenda**

Revised to remove School of Nursing item. MSC

1. **Previous minutes**

No revisions - MSC

1. **Communication and announcements**

Introductions for new members

Nancy Nisbett summarized recent discussions in the Enrollment Management Committee. Modifying the acceptance GPA for freshman to 2.00 during the pandemic has raised some questions. 1) What wrap-around services are needed to ease transition into the university and promote academic success? 2) What will be the impact on retention rates? As an aside, the most recent OIE student satisfaction survey indicates students are more satisfied because they are back on campus and feeling part of a community.

Fariborz Tehrani brought up the point that some data shows incoming juniors from community colleges (CCs) are better prepared and successful than freshman starting at a university. This leads to discussions about whether: 1) resources devoted to freshman are being used in the most efficient way, 2) should CCs be relied upon to prepare incoming students rather than a four-year, etc.

Nancy Nisbett added the collaborations of high schools and CCs is also part of this conversation.

1. **New Business**

Election of chair – Fariborz Tehrani nominated Nancy Nisbett to continue as chair. She accepted the chair position for another year. MSC

Fariborz Tehrani brought up the Provost’s teaching mode designations for upcoming spring 2022 registration. (Asked if this was within the purview of this committee.) He and Todd Lone made the point that it appears confusing to our registering students; they need clarification about the teaching modes to know what they are signing up for. Related issues discussed include the impact on room assignments and student concerns about instruction mode changing at the last minute. We should be cognizant of the impacts on students in terms of expectations, semester planning, etc.

In response to the discussion, Nancy Nisbett will draft a memo to the Executive Committee summarizing our concerns regarding these issues.

1. **Old Business**

None

MSC to adjourn at 10:32 AM