

Minutes of October 12, 2016 Meeting

The meeting convened at 3:35 p.m. in room 817 Cathedral of Learning.

UPBC members present were: Livingston Alexander, Patricia Beeson, Keith Caldwell, Richard Colwell, Natalie Dall, Tony Gaskew, Jerry Holder, Kathleen Kelly, Catherine Lamberton, Doug Landsittel, Ron Larsen, Monika Losagio, Adriana Maguina-Ugarte, Salim Malakouti, Kathleen Musante, Arthur Ramicone, Andrew Rose, Gregory Scott, Alex Toner, Frank Wilson, and Chad Zutter.

Also present were: Amanda Brodish, David DeJong, Laurie Kirsch, Juan Manfredi, and Taieb Znati.

UPBC members not present were: Larry Carr, Pat Kroboth, Arthur Levine, and Dean Nelson.

Discussion of the proposal for a new School of Computing and Information

Provost Beeson presented the timeline for the development of a proposal for a new School of Computing and Information, which would combine the Department of Computer Science with the School of Information Sciences. The proposal was developed collaboratively by faculty in the two units, and approved by the relevant bodies within the Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences and the School of Information Sciences. The proposal was approved by the Provost's Advisory Committee on Undergraduate Programs and The University Council on Graduate Studies. If approved by the University Planning and Budgeting Committee, the proposal would go to the Board of Trustees for final endorsement. The search for the founding dean of the school would begin shortly thereafter, and the first class would enroll in the fall of 2017.

Ron Larsen, dean of the School of Information Sciences, and Taieb Znati, chair of the Department of Computer Science, presented the proposal. The driving vision for the school's development is to create a "center of gravity" for advancing scholarship in computing and information aligned with the university's newly developed strategic plan. The school will embrace as a core concept "contextually situated computing", which unites computational with disciplinary expertise to generate unique advances and insights in a wide range of areas.

Provost Beeson presented information about the budget of the new school. At its base, the budget will combine the current resources of the School of Information Sciences and the Department of Computer Sciences, but additional investments are planned to support the value added of the new school. For example, 10 additional tenure/tenure stream faculty lines are planned to augment the existing 49 positions, and additional non-tenure-stream lines will be added to support instructional needs. Additional funds will be allocated to support graduate students, and one-time funds of \$15 million will be available to support new initiatives and start-up packages. Regarding, the long-term goal is to combine the faculty into one location.

Members then asked questions about the new school. Questions included whether staff

positions would be reduced (no reductions are planned); how existing joint programs would be handled (no interruptions in availability are envisioned), and implications for current graduate and undergraduate students (all existing students will be grandfathered programmatically and student services will be uncompromised).

Member vote on the proposal for a new School of Computing and Information

Provost Beeson called for a vote on the proposed School of Computing and Information. The committee voted unanimously in favor.

New Business

There was no new business.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.