Meeting of the Villanova University
Academic Policy Committee

Thursday, November 21, 2013
Mendel Science Center, room 103, 10:00 am

MINUTES

Present: Louise Russo (chair), Paul Pasles, Bob Styer, Wenhong Luo, Lesley Perry, Paul Hanouna, Jerusha Conner, Mark Doorley, Randy Weinstein, Jutta Seibert, JeanAnn Linney, Brian Gallagher

Not in Attendance: Craig Wheeland (NIA), Mary Ann Cantrell, Ken Kroos, Adele Lindenmeyr (NIA), Daniel Wright, Fayette Veverka, Joyce Willens (NIA), Kelly Welch (NIA), Wayne Bremser (NIA), Edwin Goff, Catherine Warrick (NIA), Susan Mackey-Kallis, Sridhar Santhanam, , Jillian Amera, Lourdes Carrera-Ortiz, Laura Boisclair, Erin Connor, Patrick Tempera, Elizabeth Carbone, Caitlyn Sell, Joseph Brady (NIA)

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am

I. The Chair welcomed Jim Trainer, Director of OPIR, as an invited speaker. Jim provided an extensive presentation on the research that OPIR has conducted related to the Carnegie classification update that is anticipated in 2015. The following major topics were covered in this presentation for APC consideration:

    a) Timeline for Carnegie classification updates; next one is in 2015 and it is possible that with the data supplied for the 2013-2014 academic year Villanova may breach the number of Ph.D. degree conferrals in advance of that evaluation to force repositioning at the Doctoral (research) level. If not, the next classification update will occur five years later.

    b) How Villanova has placed within the current Carnegie classification as a Master's regional institution; Jim highlighted the point assessment system for major categories that contribute to the evaluation including degrees offered at the UG level, correlation between UG and G offerings, enrollment profile, curricular engagement, outreach, and partnerships.

    c) Institutional categories are currently recognized in the Carnegie classification:

        1. Doctoral (> 20 Ph.D. degrees granted /year) with three subgroups including research intensive (formerly R1) with 108 institutional listing, research with 99 institutional listings, and doctoral (where VU would fit) (with 90 institutional listings)

        2. Master's (with 724 listings (73 private))

        3. Baccalaureate (with 810 listings)

        4. Special Focus

        5. Tribal Colleges

        6. Associate's College

d) What factors are used for ranking point assessments and therefore will affect where VU would be placed when the transition to Doctoral/Research would likely occur:

1. Academic Reputation - based upon weighting of both peer institution assessment and H.S. Guidance Counselor assessment
2. Graduation and Retention Rates
3. Student Selectivity – based upon weighting of SAT/ACT scores and top of class ranking of accepted students, and acceptance rate
4. Financial Resources
5. Graduation Rate
6. Faculty Resources – including assessments of % of classes with <20 students, % of classes with >50 students, faculty salary, faculty with terminal degrees, student/faculty ratio, and % of FT faculty
7. Alumni Giving Rate

e) How Villanova may wish to invest resources in the near term to affect scoring values that may boost our ranking when the threshold is reached: should the university invest significantly in research infrastructure?

f) What decisions may be made that could also boost assessment values: such as controlling class sizes, work to boost Villanova's visibility and profile

g) Where it is predicted that Villanova will be placed if the transition to Doctoral/Research category occurs in the near term: anticipated within the range of 31-69.

II. The chair solicited volunteers to serve on the sub-committee focused on development of a proposal to establish a University Curriculum Committee and a University-wide Core Curriculum. This sub-committee should have cross-college representation and will need to begin work in early spring semester.

Minutes from the meeting on October 22 were not reviewed. They will be presented for discussion and approval at the first meeting in spring semester.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Russo

Members of APC: Louise Russo (chair), Wayne Bremser, Fayette Veverka, Robert Styer, Adele Lindenmeyr, Edwin Goff, Kelly Welch, Mary Ann Cantrell, Louise Fitzpatrick (represented by Lesley Perry), Joyce S. Willens, Wenhong Luo, Paul Pasles, Paul Hanouna, Kail Ellis (represented by Craig Wheeland), Jean Ann Linney, Gary Gabriele (represented by Randy Weinstein), Patrick Maggitti (represented by Daniel Wright), Catherine Warrick, Susan Mackey-Kallis, Mark Doorley, Sridhar Santhanam, Kenneth Kroos, Aaron Moore, Jutta Seibert, Lourdes Carrera-Ortiz, Joseph Brady, Laura Boisclair, Erin Connor, Patrick Tempera, Elizabeth Carbone, Caitlyn Sell, Brian Gallagher