PFA Meeting September 13, 2011
Kellen Auditorium

Welcome and Introductions Craig and Cynthia

Report by Cynthia from Parsons Leadership Council

Parsons Festival Part II

- Critique that it was too long and will be shortened—two weeks with a weekend
- Organization to start much earlier
- Committee with student representations
- New hire on administrative line responsible for festival organization

Handbook Amendment

- We have sent workload policy to school deans and Joel and Nadine who will review
- APT drafted document on APT
- Bylaws that PFC has drafted to be revised
- Structure of committees
- Joel committed to look across structures and see how committees could be reduced

Growth and Budget

- 3% growth the target was 5%--Deans office believes we may approach target if we consider lower attrition
- What is the cost of the programs? Engaging in conversation about cost of education—large increase over the past 10 years
- Strategic plan at Provost office
- President focusing on finances of the University—lots of debt because of new building

Paris and Shanghai

- Trying to secure real estate in Paris
- Networks and hubs—Paris as base for European network
- Bridget O’Rourke—Director of Parsons Paris
- Expanding in Shanghai
- Clear decision not to reproduce the curricular models from NYC—programs with local students but as an extended part of the campus here in NYC
- Matt Caballero is the point person in the Deans office here in NYC

Update on Senate Representation
Senate passes resolution in Spring where Parsons rep. increased by 2 reps. 4 FT and 2 PT
Within council we agreed that one of the new assignment for FT and one PT PT found this agreeable
Alternates will now become senator
FT Erin Cho—Design Strategies
PT Steve Kennedy—AMT and SPACE

2011-2012 Parsons Faculty Council Agenda

- Curricular Governance Resolution
- Faculty Benefits
- Faculty Workload
- Faculty Handbook
- Faculty Evaluations
- Parsons Festival
- PFA/PFC Bylaws Revision

Curricular Governance Resolution
- Position Statement on Shared Curricular Governance document shown and discussed
- Committees in schools appointed by administration here at Parsons
- Other institutions the responsibility primarily relies with the faculty not with the administration
- Here “top down” rather than faculty processing curricular changes
- We recommend that it be a primary function of the faculty body
- Process through faculty committees—curricular governance lies with faculty though bodies like PFA and Senate
- Task force brought to faculty council and now to PFA for discussion and approval
- American Association of University Professors as our model in support for this
- This is one first element of shared governance
- September 27th faculty meeting for all faculty to discuss some of these issues
- Questions from the floor and debate
- Call for PFC to differentiate between academic and curricular planning

Faculty Handbook
- Review of latest version-PFC wants to review processes and know from Dean etc. what are the processes and are they in place

Meetings Schedule
- Parsons Faculty leadership website meeting schedules posted
Adjournment

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