Board of Control Meeting

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Issues on our Plate

- Blended Learning: Who owns the rights to the material?

- Refining Evaluation Procedures for Chairs and Deans

- Senate Evaluation

- Agreement of all policies: BOC, Univ, Senate, and Handbook

External Concerns

How to position ourselves in light of:

1. Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC)

2. State funding in light of federal budget deficits

3. Some states mandating lowering cost to students.

University Accreditation and Assessment

How can we assess ourselves and get accreditation in the most efficient way?

Currently many volunteer hours are used and its hard to get the buy-in from the faculty.

Held two university-wide Forums

1. Changes to General Education

2. University assessment

Both resulted in changes

Thanks to the Administration and BOC for keeping our health care options.

This is a major issue for employees.

Thanks also for 3% raise in January.

We are still below the national average, but all raises are appreciated!

Shared Governance

If the University is really to have shared governance, then the Senate needs to be viewed as a partner in decisions.

We have made some good progress on this issue this year but still have a ways to go.

The administration will need to continue to work with the senate, and the senate will need to step up and act in a deliberate , as well as deliberative, manner.

Some Thoughts

The broad range of thinking styles on campus can be a difficulty in moving forward, but they can also allow diverse problem solving ideas: cognitive diversity. To make use of cognitive diversity:

1. The Senate needs to respond in a timely and responsible manner.

2. The Administration needs to seek input from the Senate early in the process of the development of new policies and procedures.

One More Thought

3.   The Board of Control could take advantage of the diversity of ideas if they would allow the Senate to review proposed changes to their policies and make suggestions.

Summary

Interaction between the Senate, Administration, and Board of Control, if done well, should make Michigan Tech a better University.

We should, as much as possible, think in terms of cognitive diversity.