

Report of AETL Meeting, October 23, 2008

Attending: Todd Cooke, Dave Eubanks, Jordan Goodman, Jim Greenberg, Lily Griner, Denny Gulick, Frances Gulick, Trudi Hahn, Barb Jacoby, Don Langenberg, Joe Redish, Leigh Ryan, Nancy Shapiro, Ann Smith, Kaci Thompson, Sue White, Leah Waks, Scott Wolpert

Associate Vice Chancellor Nancy Shapiro was featured. The title of her presentation: "The K-12/College Readiness Issue: What we can learn from other states, and the challenges facing us OR "When the students we have are not the students we want."

Nancy's presentation sparked animated discussion. Her written commentary appears important enough that I am sending it as an attachment. In particular, in her talk she discusses 5 "themes" prevalent in successful P-20 Partnerships. I think you would be interested to read and ponder.

A few of the observations that her presentation prompted:

1. The number of K-12 expected to need to be hired in the decade 2005-2015 is estimated to be 280,000. The USA doesn't prepare anywhere nearly enough teachers.
2. Several states and universities have interesting programs to expand the pipeline for teachers, and focus on the P-20 issues. Those mentioned at the meeting include North Carolina, Georgia, Massachusetts, University of Texas, University of Colorado, University of California at Irvine.
3. There is a P-20 Task Force created by Governor O'Malley, with Chancellor Kirwan as one co-chair. This Task Force would seem to furnish us, the statewide higher education institutions, and the state an opportunity to creatively focus on solutions or partial solutions.
4. One question that arose was the following: What might our campus do to move forward constructively with respect to the P-20 issues? Response:
 - A. Perhaps create a campus Center, or Academy, for P-20.
 - B. See how P-20 activity could fit into the new campus Strategic Plan, in terms of merit, promotion, administrative support.
 - C. Work on possible collaboration between UMD units, and between UMD units and K-12.
 - D. A committee consisting of Jordan Goodman, Jim Greenberg, Don Langenberg, and Denny Gulick was formed to address the issues raised by Nancy and the discussion of the attendees.

Finally there were a few brief notes for AETL:

1. The proposal on recognition that was passed nearly unanimously a year ago seems not to be on the radar screen of the Administration. (What to do?)
2. The Committee on Space for Faculty (Cindy Martin, Leah Waks, Scott Wolpert, and Denny Gulick) will meet with Vicki Levy this coming week. Note: Vicki says that it is unlikely that anything robust can be done because of budget issues, etc. Also, I learned this past week that Rossborough is being renovated so that it will become the haven for Admissions.
3. We discussed having the next AETL meeting on Monday, November 24, 12:30 - 2:00. (If this date somehow has big problems, we would change it.) Proposed topics:
 - (a) Continued discussion on P-20 (and the P-20 Task Force meeting scheduled for November)
 - (b) Our expectations of students (hold-over from last year)

Best wishes, Denny