Chairs’ and Program Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: February 23, 2018
Location: WCH 443
Attendees:
Reza Abbaschian
Guillermo Aguilar
Bir Bhanu
Marek Chrobak
Ilya Dumer
Jay Farrell
Patrick Hartney
Xiaoping Hu
Ashok Mulchandani
Nosang Myung
Alex Najera (Interim Director, Employee and Labor Relations)
Walid Najjar
Chinya Ravishankar
Kambiz Vafai
Sharon Walker
Jun Wang
Charlie Wyman

Absent:
Matt Barth
Marko Princevac

1. Welcome – Sharon
Sharon welcomed Chairs and Directors to the meeting. No items were added to the agenda.

2. Approval of Minutes from February 5, 2018 meeting – Sharon
The minutes of the February 5, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

3. Performance Management Presentation – Alex Najera
Alex presented the attached summary of changes to this year’s staff Performance Management process and forms. HR has listened to criticisms of last year’s Performance Management process and made significant changes to the forms. Some of these changes will be incorporated into the following year’s new (electronic) e-Performance system. Alex will schedule a follow-up meeting with BCOE in May to obtain input on this year’s process.

Jay called attention to the email attached to the agenda. This message states that faculty can opt out of the iEval student evaluation system for their courses. Jay recommended that chairs discourage faculty from opting out since student input is needed to assess faculty teaching quality. If a faculty member still wants to opt out, he/she should discuss student evaluation options with the chair. It was
noted that CAP is stressing teaching so evidence of high quality in teaching is an essential criteria for faculty evaluations.

5. Graduate Education – Ravi
Ravi noted the summary of BCOE grad student applications attached to the agenda. He stated that 26 PhD offers are out and that 223 are in process. 1,346 applications were received and four applicants have already accepted offers. CEE, BIEN and CSE have scheduled grad student open houses this year.
Also, Ravi reported that he has been in discussions with UCR’s School of Business to develop an MS Pathway to an MBA program. BCOE MS students that want to obtain an MBA could apply to the School of Business after their first MS year. The School of Business will evaluate the student’s academic record and will not require a GMAT test score for admission. The MBA could be obtained in an additional year, after two MS years in BCOE. Ravi noted that this program should increase BCOE’s MS take rate. Ravi will send out a flyer announcing this program.
Sharon added that UCR is formalizing the policy that MS students will now be able to obtain Grad Division fellowship funding if they decide to pursue a PhD.
It was noted that NRT funding is a problem for some existing PhD students in ECE.

6. MSOL Update/Discussion – Kambiz
Kambiz reported that the MSOL Advisory Committee has approved the concept of expanding the program to international students. Pearson doesn’t recruit international students so BCOE will need to do this itself. Pearson would only be paid for its retention and advising efforts with international students. Sharon commented that instructional burden to faculty (particularly untenured faculty) will need to be assessed before expanding MSOL to international students. Kambiz will contact all of the chairs to see if there are any issues that need to be addressed. It was noted that qualifications of these international students might be a concern and that China doesn’t currently recognize any on-line degrees so an MSOL hybrid program may need to be developed for China. A significant attraction to the MSOL Program for international students is that the acquired degree certificate does not mention that it is an online degree.
It was suggested that the Program may want to provide additional pay for faculty teaching MSOL courses in the summer. Kambiz responded that, so far, faculty have been available to offer summer MSOL courses without an added incentive.

7. Dean’s Update - Sharon
Sharon commented that the Negotiated Salary Trial Program for faculty that has been piloted by three UC campuses is in final approval for UCR. Details of the program are not yet available. The Vice Provost for Academic Personnel is expected to send a draft description of the program soon. Sharon noted the two Academic Personnel Office positions (at $10K stipends each) that are available. The application deadline was 2/20/18 but interested candidates should still apply. The VP for Student Affairs search committee did not have a BCOE representative. As such, Sharon has requested that a BCOE rep be added. Chairs/Directors should send search committee nominations to Sharon.
Also, Sharon encouraged BCOE faculty to respond to the recent Academic Senate research space survey.
The Provost will be announcing an internal search for a new CNSE Director. Alex Balandin developed a cleanroom upgrade proposal that is under consideration by the Provost. Robert
Haddon’s faculty position will remain unfilled until it can be discussed among the new BCOE Dean, the Dean of CNAS and the Provost. Sharon noted the high quality of this year’s faculty candidates and congratulated departments on identifying these excellent candidates.

8. Department/Center Updates

ME: Guillermo reported that the department has interviewed four faculty candidates and that most faculty merit/promotion files have been processed.

BIEN: Xiaoping noted that the department is interviewing five faculty candidates this year plus one cluster hire. Also, three candidates will be interviewed by BIEN for the Complex Biological Systems cluster area. This cluster area is being led by the Math department. Sharon commented that the BCOE Dean’s Office needs to be informed in advance of all cluster hire candidates and interviews. Lastly, Xiaoping will be traveling to China at the end of March representing BIEN and BCOE.

UC-KIMS: Nosang will participate in a UCR delegation to Korea in March. This group includes four faculty members. He will also participate in an MOU signing in Korea.

WCGEC: Reza stated that a WCGEC Conference has been scheduled for 4/13/18 but that a 4/12/18 WCGEC Advisory Panel meeting may need to be postponed since several members aren’t available on that date.

CE: Walid noted that he has been preparing ABET materials. Also, he noted that the Registrar drops courses after not being offered for awhile. For example, a notice was sent to CSE and ECE about a course being dropped but this information was not provided to CE which caused problems for CE students. Sharon commented that a CE rep could be appointed to BCOE’s Executive Committee. It was noted that campus should send notices that a course may be dropped to all departments that list this course as an elective.

CRIS: Bir stated that he has recently submitted NIH and NSF proposals. A student will be receiving a $180K Fellowship. He is developing an NSF Biology and Computing proposal effort that, if approved, would be funded at $2M/yr for 5 years.

ECE: Ilya reported that ECE’s merit/promotion files are almost completed. He also noted that the cluster hire interviews for Computational Materials are scheduled to be completed by 3/15/18. The department will initiate the Phonon/Magnon cluster search afterwards.

CEE: Charlie reported that almost all merit/promotion files are completed. The department’s grad student open house is scheduled for March 2nd. There are 11 candidates for three CEE faculty positions. Also, the Target of Excellence offer to Prof. Zachariah is being negotiated.

9. Additional Topics

No other topics were discussed.
Chairs’ & Program Directors’ Meeting

February 23, 2018

Agenda

Winston Chung Hall – Room 443

1. Welcome  Sharon
2. Approval of Minutes from February 5, 2018 Meeting
3. Performance Management Presentation  Alex Najera
4. Academic Personnel Matters  Jay
5. Graduate Education  Ravi
6. MSOL Update/Discussion  Kambiz
7. Dean’s Updates  Sharon
8. Department Updates  Chairs
9. Center Updates  Directors
10. Additional Topics
5. **Review Criteria**

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(a) evaluations and comments solicited from students for most, if not all, courses taught since the candidate's last review; (b) a quarter-by-quarter or semester-by-semester enumeration of the number and types of courses and tutorials taught since the candidate's last review; (c) their level; (d) their enrollments; (e) the percentage of students represented by student course evaluations for each course; (f) brief explanations for abnormal course loads; (g) identification of any new courses taught or of old courses when there was substantial reorganization of approach or content; (h) notice of any awards or formal mentions for distinguished teaching; (i) when the faculty member under review wishes, a self-evaluation of his or her teaching; and (j) evaluation by other faculty members of teaching effectiveness. When any of the information specified in this paragraph is not provided, the department chair will include an explanation for that omission in the candidate's dossier. If such information is not included with the letter of recommendation and its absence is not adequately accounted for, it is the review committee chair's responsibility to request it through the Chancellor.
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UCR Performance Management Process

Version 2.0 – Revised for 2017-2018

Mission
We provide HR leadership and expertise to create and support a high-performing, inclusive workplace which advances UCR’s mission and strategic objectives.

Vision
UCR HR is the benchmark in higher education for visionary and innovative HR strategies and exemplary service delivery.
Agenda

I. 2017-2018 Revision Goals

II. Performance Management Feedback Themes


IV. Engagement Plan Activities and Timeline
Goals of 2017-2018 Revision

› To retain campus-identified successful portions of the program
› To use campus feedback and focus groups to guide changes
› Improve communication and engagement efforts
› Balance improvement needs with campus’ change fatigue
› Strategically structure changes in anticipation of 2018-2019 introduction of Electronic Performance System (E-Performance)
Changes to UCR’s PM Process v2.0

Feedback Forums – April/May 2017

› Members from across the campus community were invited to participate in a comprehensive process to gather feedback on Version 1.0 of the Performance Management (PM) Process.

Themes

› Users appreciated effort to differentiate between levels of employee performance; but they also said:
  › Too complicated
  › Too long to complete – they disliked having to rate 37+ separate “elements” of performance
  › Elements not relevant to all campus organizations
  › Too many separate forms
  › Instructions and terminology not clear; needed 3½-hour training session to learn
  › Confusion between “Goal Setting” and “Individual Development Plan” (IDP)
  › Geared too much to “office” environment – difficult for others to achieve higher/highest ratings
  › Calibration and merit process is burdensome
Changes to UCR’s PM Process v2.0

We Heard You!

In response to feedback, v2.0 is shorter, simpler and much less time consuming:

› Performance Appraisal form now provides clear, step-by-step directions for each section of the process – no lengthy training required
› Eliminates individual rating of 37+ “elements” – elements are now only used to help define the seven performance factors; only factors are rated
› Eliminates supervisor commentary on employee self appraisal
› Eliminates or consolidates other forms used in Version 1.0
› Clarifies different purposes of the Goal Setting form versus the IDP – provides clear directions for the use of each form
› Language describing performance factors is more inclusive – less “office-oriented”
› Reduces the number of supervisory performance factors from four (4) to three (3)
Changes to UCR’s PM Process v2.0

Performance Appraisal Form revised

- New look and function (as shown): thoroughly revised to streamline process and increase clarity
- Clear distinction between processes of reviewing past performance vs. setting future goals (see section labels as shown)
- New clear, step-by-step directions to supervisor and employee throughout (see step labels as shown), eliminating need for extensive training
- Clear descriptions and definitions of the 7 revised performance factors
- Eliminates need to rate 37+ separate "elements"
- Eliminates supervisor comment on employee self-assessment
Changes to UCR's PM Process v2.0

Elimination of Rating Elements

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#### Notes:
- Eliminate all elements related to written and oral communication skills in version 1.0.
- In version 2.0, focus on functional and technical skills for the job, and communication skills for contributing to a productive work environment.
Changes to UCR's PM Process v2.0

Goal Agreement Form Revised

- Purpose of goal setting clearly differentiated from that of the Individual Development Plan
- Directions for the use of the Goal Agreement form clarified, including how and when to complete it.
- Directions for the use of the Goal Agreement form now cross-referenced with directions on the revised Performance Appraisal form
- To access the Goal Agreement form, please [click here](#)
Changes to UCR’s PM Process v2.0

Individual Development Plan (IDP)

Purpose of the IDP is now clearly differentiated from the Goal Setting Agreement

› Directions for use of the IDP has been clarified including how and when to complete it

› Directions to use the revised IDP has been cross-referenced with directions on the revised Performance Appraisal form

› To access the IDP form, please click here
# Engagement & Communication Plan

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