Annual Report of the Committee on University College (CUC) Academic Year 2012-2013

Submitted April 30, 2013

1. Name of committee chairperson: Ryan Munden (SOE)

2. Committee membership

Anne Campbell (GSEAP)

Robbin Crabtree Acting Dean of University College (ex officio)

Terry-Ann Jones (CAS)
Nikki Lee-Wingate* (DSB)
Dee Lippman (SON)
Ryan Munden (SOE)
Yohuru Williams (CAS)

*Fall 2012 replaced by Ying Zhang (DSB)

Elizabeth Hastings Director of Community and Lifetime Education (invited guest)

Aaron Perkus Associate Dean of University College (invited guest)

Patricia Pivarnik Program Coordinator DSB (invited guest)

3. Number of meetings attended by each committee member

Anne Campbell [3]
Robbin Crabtree [2]
Terry-Ann Jones [2]
Nikki Lee-Wingate [2]
Dee Lippman [1]
Ryan Munden [3]
Yohuru Williams [1]

Ying Zhang (Fall)

Elizabeth Hastings [3] invited guest Aaron Perkus [3] invited guest

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Patricia Pivarnik [3] invited guest

4. Dates of meetings

September 25, 2012 February 22, 2013 April 12, 2013

5. List of principal topics considered by committee

• Strategic vision for online education

Following the closure of University College last year, the CUC placed a topic of discussing strategic and academic policy issues related to online education on the agenda for this academic year.

Creation of Center for Continuing Education

The committee was tasked by Academic Council to review the recommendation and possibility of forming a Center for Continuing Education following closure of University College, and the needs that such a center would serve.

• Future of Committee on University College

The committee was tasked by the Academic Council to reflect upon its future role as a handbook committee following closure of University College.

6. List of the decisions taken by the committee

• Strategic vision for online education

The CUC unanimously passed a motion to endorse a memo on the Strategic Vision for Online Education, and recommended its submission to the Academic Council for consideration. In summary this memo recommends that the university administration include online education as an element in the strategic vision of the university.

• Creation of Center for Continuing Education

The Committee on University College unanimously approved a motion to NOT recommend the creation of a Center for Continuing education and endorsed the Memorandum on Lifelong Learning and Continuous education and recommended its submission to the Academic Council for consideration. In summary this memo mentions that most continuing education functions have already been moved into the school with which it is most closely aligned. Professional continuing education is best served by the professional schools, and the College of Arts and Sciences houses the appropriate enrichment courses. A central hub for advertising and scheduling these types of courses would be useful.

• Future of Committee on University College

The Committee on University College unanimously approved a motion recommending DISSOLUTION of the Committee on University College and endorsed the memorandum on Proposed Dissolution of the Committee on University College and recommended its submission to the Academic Council for consideration. In summary this memo notes that the functions of University College now reside in the schools, and are adequately overseen by School committees, or other handbook committees, as such there is no further call for a Committee on University College. The CUC recommends that AC request the Committee on Committees to propose a handbook amendment to remove or replace the Committee on University College.

7. Anticipated effects of these decisions

• Academic Council now needs to consider the three memos from CUC. We hope that there will be high level strategic planning to address online education.

• Academic Council and the Committee on Committees will need to propose a handbook amendment to officially terminate the Committee on University College. Until then, the committee will remain constituted, but will not elect new members, and will not meet.

8. Unfinished business

• The Committee on University College has no outstanding items of business at this time.

9. Future agenda items

• There are no future planned meetings of the Committee on University College, in light of the recommended dissolution, unless the Academic Council tasks us with additional items.