Minutes January 10, 2017
Peabody College Faculty Council Meeting
12:00 to 1:30 pm
Peabody Administration Building Room 318

Present: Camilla Benbow, John Braxton, Jeannette Mancilla-Martinez, Nina Martin, Velma Murry, Monique Robinson-Nichols, Craig Smith, Andy Van Schaack, Patrick Schuermann, Amy Palmeri, Georgene Troseth and Jonathan Lane

Meeting called to order by John at 12:05 pm

Approval of Minutes for The December Faculty Council Meeting (Andy motioned, Velma seconded and all in favor)

Student Mental Health -- – Redacted since offered with assumption of confidentiality to encourage honest and frank discussion.

Dean’s Remarks (Camilla Benbow): -- – Redacted since offered with assumption of confidentiality to encourage honest and frank discussion.

Updates from Standing Committees

Teaching (Amy Palmeri): Thinking of ways the EDI Committee (with Andrea Capizzi) can engage in joint activities with the Teaching Committee and would like Faculty Council input; some ideas so far = putting information together for faculty regarding student accommodations, putting together a lunch and learn around accommodation issues, or possibly sticking with standard ways of circulating information; Georgene noted the previous event was successful and so a luncheon might work; Andy noted the letters could be very helpful if they have very specific recommendations in writing so students get the help they need; John asked if students know what the accommodations will be and Craig noted they tend to be broad so it’s important to be clear with students about rights and responsibilities; John asked who would provide the info and Craig said that would be at EAD; Andy reiterated that this is why a letter would be so important as would review that together and it is clear, like a contract, to protect the student and the faculty; John asked if any actionable item is upcoming and Amy does not think so at this point; they are meeting next week regarding the scheduling policy and will have recommendations before our next Faculty Council meeting in February

Academic Standards and Procedures (Velma Murry): Council was to provide feedback on the Peabody Immersion model report before John Braxton sends to John Geer; Dean noted we have been given roughly $400,000 for this; appears we do not need to develop a new immersion experience given we are a model for this, but Dean noted we will need to develop a memo as to how we will meet the immersion experience; Craig noted the area we could work on more is the research related immersion experience as some of the research experiences students engage in can very likely be counted as an immersion experience, but not something that is the same as a full fledged thesis honors experience (in short, it needs to be a unique model, not a thesis model); Craig also noted Arts & Sciences might have a proposal for this research related immersion experience and will report back on this; John Braxton will send the report to John Geer and invite him to the next Faculty Council Meeting in February; Dean asked what the timeline is for this and Craig is unsure as Blair has more questions they want answered, but the
rollout is supposed to be 2018; the overall response from Faculty Council was positive and enthusiastic around the immersion experience requirement

Nina motioned to adjourn and all in favor.

Adjournment by John at 1:40pm