CSL Minutes September 26, 2014

1. Introductions and List of Members
   - Members present: Helen Marrow, Phil Starks, Consuelo Cruz, Jamie Kirsch, Anne Poncet-Montange, Andrew Ramsburg, Mickey Toogood, Mary Pat McMahon, Bruce Reitman
   - Minutes taker: Mary Pat McMahon

2. Helen Marrow to serve as CSL convener until we elect a chair

3. Trunk Access has been provided to all members

4. Identify new members who need judicial review training.
   - Set up training ASAP with Mickey Toogood and Bruce Reitman
   - Identify and include new CSL member student elects (in mid-September)

5. Helen passed out review of 2013-14 annual summary
   - Mark calendars for Fall meetings

6. Representative from the Executive Committee here to hand out the Provost’s restructuring proposal; initiate a discussion about how CSL may be impacted by the restructuring, as well as what role CSL may have to play in contributing to discussions from the view of “student life”; and to ask for a CSL representative to attend the upcoming Executive Committee meeting as it seeks to involve faculty input in a plan to implement the proposal
   - Big questions include: What does CSL cover in relation to the proposal? Is it parallel to the committee on Admissions, which seems to clearly have something to say over the restructuring of the Admissions part of the proposal?
   - CSL is currently a much smaller slice, but could potentially be interpreted to cover the Dowling part of the proposal.
   - Some members involved in Dowling favor the restructuring proposal, because feel they often get caught in bureaucratic/financial haggling that currently takes place between AS & E, since they currently answer to each (ie, get caught between each’s funding). Feel that “moving up” to answer directly to the Provost could solve some of this, and help them to improve student services in a way they see as working with, not against, the academic missions of AS&E. These reps feel that overall Dowling clashes more with the “budget/corporate” side of Tufts than the faculty/provost side, and that reorganization could help in this regard.
   - Phil Starks (who agrees to be the Faculty rep to Exec Committee on this) raises nother question: how do you see this impacting the CSL? Answer appears to be not clear yet. Still thinking this through. Some members see little impact based on current structure.
   - Another question/comment: Tufts needs to figure out its identity crisis; is it a teaching or a research university, because being both is “An identity crisis that has engulfed the institution”

7. Review of Wendell Phillips criteria
   - Group will email suggested questions before Oct. 10 meeting
   - Bruce Reitman suggests that CSL look @ advertising Wendell Phillips nominations to community. He and Joe Golia will do this through ads in the Daily and around campus. Helen Marrow will do this by advertising at A&S, E, and AS&E faculty meetings.

8. Mary Pat McMahon introduced her working group – will be working this year on revising/standardizing the Student Handbook; Student Policy. Wants to present her progress
to CSL at a meeting this fall. Also wants to advertise and get feedback from the larger community sometime next spring.
- CSL agrees to hear her progress (we will reserve December 5, 2014) and provide a representative to work with her on this in the future

9. Adjournment