Faculty IT Subcommittee
April 17, 2013
Tigert 226, 2:00 p.m.

Attendees
Frank Bova, Mike Dark, Greg Dubois, Thomas Brown, Jamie Reilly, Stacey Ewing, Ward Wilson, Joseph Wilson, Anne Allen, Tawnya Means, Kara Dawson, Ray Issa, Elias Eldayrie, Craig Foley, Sue Alvers and Dave Carlson

Call to Order
Frank Bova, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.   Introductions were made.

Discussion of next topic
- Elias Eldayrie suggested that the subcommittee work on one or two items each meeting instead of trying to do 20 or more. The subcommittee agreed.

Design of future classrooms
- Elias explained that with $2 million from fees, IT completed technology upgrades to several classrooms last year.   The university collected about $1 million this year that will also go towards upgrading centrally managed classrooms. He would like the subcommittee's assistance in deciding not only what classrooms should have upgrades but also to advise on a set of technology standards for different rooms.   The list of rooms designated for 2013 upgrades is completed . Elias reminded the subcommittee to also think about online classroom design.
- Elias noted that with the increased number of online courses, a decision should be made as to how many LMS platforms faculty will use on campus and whether the IT group can support them. Undergraduates taking pure online courses at UF will pay 75% of the tuition that face to face students pay. Admission standards are the same.

UF Student Information System – Greg Dubois
- Elias stated that the current student information system is a homegrown system that is 30 years old and coded in Assembly Language. The language is so outdated that it runs on a mainframe and IT is having problems finding people who can work on it. This system handles admission, registration, etc.
- Greg explained that UF is working with a consultant in a fact finding phase. Once this is completed, they will work on deciding what LMS package to purchase. The faculty focus group which has representatives from around campus will meet tomorrow. The migration to a new system will take approximately three years. Several of our peer universities are in the process of changing over to an LMS package from a vender rather than homegrown. Plans are to have Greg Dubois back in a few months for an update.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10.