

## Faculty IT Subcommittee

June 11, 2013

Tigert 226, 9 am – 10 am

### Attendees

Frank Bova, Sue Alvers, Anne Allen, Trevor Bopp, Fedro Zazeuta, David Carlson, Rafa Munoz-Carpena, Pasha Antonenko, Jason Craggs, Elias Eldayrie, Thomas Brown, Andy McCollough, Joe Wilson (by phone), Robyn Gleason (by phone) and W. Thomas Smith.

### Call to Order

Frank Bova, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Minutes from May 2013 were approved.

### Discussion on Classroom Equipment – Frank Bova

Faculty IT Subcommittee had its meeting in Flint 50 last month.

- The completed design and technology updates were impressive.
- Random large classes will be assigned to use the room
- There were some concerns:
  - Technology is not leveraged properly. How do we get faculty to update their lectures to work in the new technology?
  - The more technology rolls into use, the more the instructor is out on a limb if the system does not work.
  - Suggestion: Have the environment the same everywhere. Is it possible to set up a virtual room?
    - The 250-270 classrooms owned by the Provost have essentially the same technology. The Provost does not own any classrooms at the Health Science Center. That was decided around 15 years ago.
    - The challenge is the centrally owned rooms vs the college owned rooms.
    - Standards and policies must be the same for both. Upgrading classrooms is continuous, so we must have a minimum standard.
  - Suggestion: Training should be available at new faculty orientation
    - IT Support will do one on one training with faculty. Please contact Academic Technology.
  - Suggestion: Members of this subcommittee should return to their departments and ask if there are issues the subcommittee should know.

### Update on Distance Education – Andy McCollough

- How did we get here?
  - The Florida Legislature awarded the University of Florida the distinction of eminent university. Along with this distinction, the legislature gave UF the task to create an online learning institute that delivers a four year degree and keeps the same UF standards. The university must deliver the first part of the four year degree by January 2014. A comprehensive business plan is due to the Board of Advisors by September 2013.
- UF has not received the funding from the legislature. The university continues to plan and fronts the money because of such a short time table. It was decided to replicate what we have

already and build from there. The first class in January will be small and most likely consist of degree completers.

- UF will deliver excellent curriculum at a reduced price, about \$110 per credit hour. We will need at least 2000 students to break even. Students will not be able to cross over from online to person to person classes at the moment. The online degree will be all online.
- The online learning system is “Canvas” instead of Sakai.

The subcommittee ran out of time. The rest of the agenda items will be discussed at the July meeting. Frank will get information on the standards from Fedro and Elias asked that the subcommittee give some guidance on chalkboards vs whiteboards in classrooms.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 am.