

Faculty Senate Steering Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2011
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
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Attendees: David Quillen, Mary Ann Ferguson, Mary Jo Koroly, Jen Day Shaw, Barbara Wingo, Sue Alvers, Scott Nygren, Bernie Machen, Marc Heft, Deanna Pelfrey, Nancy Poehlmann, David Miller, Mark Tillman, Debra Murie, Cheri Brodeur, Bernard Mair, Brian Harfe, Mike Katovich, Meggen Sixbey, Stephanie Hanson, Joe Glover, Timothy Brophy, David Sammons, Marian Limacher, Angel Kwolek-Folland

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Chair's Report

Scott Nygren, Faculty Senate Chair

Scott Nygren asked the Welfare Council to research whether there is faculty representation on sports committees. Mike Sagas is the faculty representative on the IACC. What about other athletic committees? Are faculty represented on these committees?

President's Report

Bernie Machen, President

President Machen reported on last week's Trustee meeting. The Board passed a 5% tuition fee hike for undergraduates to help support graduate assistant program. Also approved was a student activities fee increase to fund the Reitz Union expansion and renovation. The Board approved the regulation concerning the 3% raise contingent on the results of the law suit. Yesterday the Governor released his budget, however it's the legislature that appropriates the funds. State revenues are down and PECO is basically gone. We will have to find other ways to fund capital.

The November minutes were approved.

Academic Policy Council

Nancy Poehlmann, Co-Chair

APC reviewed the College of Medicine proposal to increase tenure probation to 10 years from seven. Marian Limacher explained that the college had consulted with faculty by having town hall meetings. The council supported this proposal and gave some suggestions on how to present to the full Senate.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

Provost Glover made note of the College of Medicine proposal to increase tenure probation from seven to 10 years. Marian Limacher will arrive soon and this issue was deferred until she arrives.

Digital Media Art Program Name Change

Bernard Mair, Chair, Curriculum Committee

School of Art/Art History requests that the Digital Media Art Program change its name to Art & Technology. This is just a name change, it will not affect any degrees or requirements for the degree. One of the reasons is that there is confusion between Digital Media Art and the Digital Worlds Institute.

SACS & QEP

David Miller, Director QEP

Timothy Brophy, Director, Institutional Assessment

The International Center will be highlighted in the new Quality Enhancement Plan. SACS requires that we take one topic to show what has been done to enhance a program. Plans for our report is to center on student learning and study abroad.

Academic Integrity Task Force

Stephanie Hanson, Exec. Assoc. Dean, PHHP
Jen Day Shaw, Assoc. VP, Student Affairs & Dean of Students

Stephanie Hanson and Jen Day Shaw will focus on the major findings, key highlights, managing misconduct and recommendations in the executive summary presentation.

**CPET Interdisciplinary STEM Research/
Outreach Activities**

Mary Jo Koroly, Director, Center for Pre-Collegiate Education and Training

Center for Pre-collegiate Education and Training links high school teachers and students with UF research faculty and students, especially in STEM subjects. The office has over 300 research faculty and graduate student participating and collaborates with school districts across Florida.

At Risk: Kognito

Meggen Sixbey, Assistant Coordinator,
Crisis and Emergency Resource Center

At Risk: Kognito is a 45 minute simulation with the use of avatars where students learn the common indicators of psychological distress and how to approach an at-risk students. Meggen will present this at the January Faculty Senate meeting.

Welfare Council

Deanna Pelfrey, Chair

Deanna reported that there are over 100 people involved in the self-insurance work groups. Jodi Gentry was invited to give an update at the next council meeting. Mary Ann Ferguson, who is on the communications work group will also attend. We learned from Paula Fussell that there will not be a rollover of vacation or sick leave at the end of this year because of the benefits restructuring. Focus areas for next term for the council are: self-insurance, tuition waivers for faculty dependents, technology innovations and the impact, peer evaluations, and parking.

Budget Council

Marc Heft, Chair

State budget is still not good. The council is still discussing RCM and its impacts on interdisciplinary programs. How do we handle teaching across colleges? Certain units seem to fall between the cracks. Another issue is how do we provide stable funding for graduate students?

Continuation of Academic Policy Council Report

Marian Limacher gave more information about the College of Medicine proposal to increase the maximum probationary time for faculty from seven to 10 years. Faculty in the COM generate their own salary through grants and clinical work. They receive only 8% state funding. Moving to a maximum of 10 years also brings the college within national standards.

Infrastructure Council

Mark Tillman, Co-Chair

Infrastructure Council had a lengthy meeting last month. The council reviewed the new FERPA training slides, one by one, making suggestions for each. Naomi Young wrote a draft of suggestions and forwarded to Susan Blair.

Agenda for December Faculty Senate Meeting

Agenda for December 15, 2011 Faculty Senate meeting was approved with revisions.

Meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.