

# Academic Policy Council Minutes

April 9, 2014

McCarty Hall D Room 1031-B

## Attendees

Renee Goodrich, Carol Murphy, Jessica Aaron, Maria Rogal, Bernard Mair, Henry Frierson, Creed Grier, Craig Tapley

Guests: TJ Summerfield and staff (UF Provost's IT Group)

## Call to Order

Renee Goodrich, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm. The February minutes were approved.

## March 2014 UF Faculty Senate Meeting- R. Goodrich

- Core “grand challenge” deadline has passed.
  - 4 natural science proposals
  - 8 social science proposals
- Almost every college represented.
- Bernard meeting with president then to general education committee to provost with selection by first week in May.
- Additional feedback maybe requested at the college level.
- Requests made regarding Senate involvement.
  - Senate was made aware of all steps and soliciting proposals, but will not have a say in selection.
- The Wednesday before Thanksgiving will be discussed for 2015 and future years.

## Faculty Review of Administrators

- Another meeting of Assembly Chair to address faculty review of administrators.

## Online Evaluations

- Report from TJ Summerford on latest metrics on online evaluations
- Dr. Mair will update in May with Spring 2014 numbers
- Faculty evaluation system
  - Transition to Cheryl to administrator of evaluation system; will invite to one of APC's Fall 2014 meetings.
- There has been a drop in submissions but is it a problem?
  - This was anticipated and UF parallels other institutions in submissions but is this acceptable?

- “40 is the new 80” (40% response is the new 80% response)
  - No correlated change in the accuracy of the response rate according to a study done at UCLA.
  - APC will continue to follow this issue.
- Issue of randomness in respondent selection.
- Timing of evaluation release
  - Concern over evaluations prior to exams.
- Extend window up until final grades are submitted.
- Data was shown by college and by major in CALS.
- Accommodating smaller section to protect anonymity.
- Need to engage student groups especially student government.
- Have continued momentum, go to Senate.
- How do we make this a more meaningful experience?
- T.J will send links to new slides for use in class.
- Make request to add comments to faculty to Chair Report for next Senate meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 pm.