

Academic Policy Council Minutes

September 11, 2013

Tigert 226, 3:00 p.m.

Attendees

Renee Goodrich, Seth Mahl, Craig Tapley, Angel Kwolek-Folland, Nicole Stedman, Carol Murphy, Maria Rogal, Creed Greer, David Miller and Marc Heft.

Call to Order

Renee Goodrich, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. The April minutes were approved and introductions were made.

Marc Heft, Faculty Senate Chair

Marc Heft, Faculty Senate Chair, mentioned a couple of the Faculty Senate initiatives for 2013-2014.

- Town Hall Meetings – There will be a series of Town Hall meetings which will consist of a presentation by the content expert on the topic of interest that will be followed by a facilitated open conversation. The tentative schedule for the town halls are:
 - September 23 – Barbara Wingo, General Counsel, on Intellectual Property
 - October 21 – Elias Eldayrie, CIO, on information technology
 - November 18 – Bernard Mair, Associate Provost, on General Education
 - January 6 – Jane Adams, VP University Relations on Advocacy
 - February 10 – Joe Glover, Provost on Online Education - Graduate Education
 - March 10 - Andy McCollough, Associate Provost on Online Education and Learning
- Showcase Research and Scholarship
 - Marc approached three new distinguished professors to provide a one hour talk to a general audience
- Round Table
 - Marc is tentatively planning to have a round table discussion with three Senior Vice Presidents on “What is Scholarship?”

Faculty Review of Administrators

- Marc said he reviewed last meeting’s minutes and noticed that the council was discussing faculty review of administrators. His thoughts are that a dean of a college should be appointed for five years then should have a complete evaluation.
- Maria pointed out that APC considered many issues last year. Review of Administrators by faculty was one of them. After the last meeting when APC had Barbara Wingo as a guest, the council decided that faculty reviewing administrators is more within Welfare Council’s purview and APC should review programs, departments and colleges. The APC favored climate surveys.
 - UFF recently did a climate survey, but only in-unit faculty participated.
 - What do the other top 10 universities do about climate surveys?
 - Reminder: Last climate survey was in 2005-2007 by a professional company.
 - Maria suggested that the council research what other top 10 universities do about climate surveys.
 - Question: If the university has a climate survey, what do we do with the results?
 - Renee will contact Welfare Council about a joint meeting.

New Business

- David Miller gave a short update on SACS and the Quality Enhancement Program
 - Reaccreditation is scheduled for Feb 18-20 with the compliance report due this week.
 - SACS is now requiring new initiatives to enhance the learning environment.
 - UF's QEP is "Internationalization"
 - There are four areas the University is initiating
 - Curricular piece
 - Create an international scholar's program
 - Increase alternatives currently offered in study abroad and speaker programs
 - Co-curricular activities to increase internationalization
- Seth Mahl noted that students have had problems finding a class syllabus before they register. After researching, he found that every college has its own database and website. With the help of Angel Kwolek-Folland, there is now a webpage – <http://syllabus.ufl.edu> that has links to all the colleges and their syllabi.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.