

Infrastructure Council Minutes
April 15, 2011
9:30 -10:30 A.M.
Smathers Library (East), Conference Room 2B

Members Present:

Naomi Young

Betsy Creveling

Elias Eldayrie

Gail Hansen de Chapman

Andy McCollough

Mark Orazem

Brenda Smith

Mark Tillman

Jodi Gentry

Shannon Holliday

Tom Caswell

Nandy Ferguson

Lynne Vaughan

Ashton Charles

Angel Kwolek-Folland

Jodi Gentry

Kris Kirmse

Mark Brackett

David Looney

Mike Bebbe

The April 15, 2011 meeting of the University of Florida Infrastructure Council was called to order by Chair Mark Orazem at 9:34 a.m. Agendas were passed out and introductions were made.

The March minutes were approved.

Mark noted that this is the last Infrastructure Meeting that he is chairing. He thanked the members for all their hard work.

Textbook Purchasing

Ashton Charles (Student Government President) explained that students purchase books at a wide variety of places from online to private bookstores to the University bookstore. Book rentals seem to be what student like now. Students do not like to go to several stores to find the textbooks that they need. Price is the big factor as to where students purchase books. Ashton is hoping that Tallahassee adds textbooks to the sales tax free holiday. Use of textbooks depends on professors use it in their courses. The system is in flux with changes taking place. The state university system seems to be moving toward e-books, however, there are copyright issues for publishers to work out. It was pointed out that there are three categories that the council might consider researching further: Text adoption sites; affordability and availability. "Adoption" process seems to be OK. We can't change the "affordability" because that is dependent upon publishers. "Availability", however, we can control. We should create a way inform faculty the price of a textbook before they make it a requirement in a course.

Training Programs

After talking to Shands privacy officer, Jodi Gentry noted that Shands is willing to rewrite the HIPPA training so that it conforms with University and Shands guidelines. However, when she talked to the credentialing department, she was told that there are about four to six faculty who have dual appointments. Is it worth re-writing a course for 4-6 faculty? Is there some miscommunication that is causing more faculty to take the training than need to? Jodi asked for names to try and get more information on the subject. After her research, she will return to the council with her findings.

Online Promotion and Tenure

Angel Kwolek-Folland gave a brief presentation about the upcoming online promotion and tenure software. Currently the software is in beta form with dentistry, fine arts and agronomy as a pilot group. Plans are for the entire campus to go live in 2013-2014. Initially it will take faculty extra time to enter all their information, but afterwards it will be a time saver.

IT Governance

Elias reported that the IT governance committees have submitted their recommendations and now working on the strategic plan. About 250 people have contributed to the strategic plan.

Committee Chair Reports:

- Lakes, Vegetation, and Landscaping Committee – Gail Hansen de Chapman
Worked on the Corry Commons site plan. Tabled the green house behind Bartram Hall.

New co-chairs for 2011-2012 are Mark Tillman and Naomi Young.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.