

Infrastructure Council Meeting
Oct, 7 2011

Attending: Tom Caswell, Bill Millard, Neta Pulvermacher (via speaker phone), Ruth Steiner, Ata Sarajedini, Shannon Holliday, Naomi Young, Mark Tillman, Elias Eldayrie, Andy McCullough, Carol Walker, Fedro Zazveta.

Co-Chair Naomi Young called meeting to order at 1:05 pm. Minutes were approved and introductions were made.

Elias G. Eldayrie, Vice President and Chief Information Officer and Fedro Zazueta Associate CIO and Professor Director, Academic Technology reported on the history and uses of the Technology Fee. The fee was enacted by the state legislature. After the fee was implemented negotiations between Administration and Student and Faculty representatives led to the current practices. Of a total of \$6 million/year, \$5 million goes to infrastructure projects (like Sakai) and approximately \$1 million is set aside to fund proposal originating from faculty, staff or students. The review process is two tiered. Initially a concept paper is submitted and reviewed for appropriateness (For example: Does it fit within the mission of the program?), practicality (Can the proposed project be accomplished with the resources requested?) and sustainability. Projects that pass the first screen are then submitted for secondary evaluations. To date, all projects that have reached the second evaluation tier have been funded. Approximately 6 projects are funded per year, and receive one year of support. One recent project was Lynda.com, which provides training for faculty and students in computer-based software. It was asked whether some of this money could be utilized to upgrade computers and software in specific units. The answer is that the Technology Fee money would not be appropriate or adequate for this task. Rather, this is the responsibility of the individual departments.

Update : Discussions regarding Architecture and Fine Arts and Music Libraries are ongoing but unresolved. Council Chairs have received communication from affected faculty. The Dean of the Libraries has told the Library Faculty Assembly that this is not a shared governance issue for the Libraries, only for the College of Fine Arts and College of Design, Construction and Planning, and that the Libraries will follow their lead. Some of the Library Faculty believe that leaving their faculty out of the planning is damaging to shared governance.

Susan Blair has requested help with the refreshing the FERPA training. This is a continuation of Council activity from last year on involving faculty in testing before locally-created required training is implemented.

Report from Steering Committee by Co-Chair Mark Tillman: Honorary degrees were all given to males this year; how can we create a better balance? University budget outlook is still not good. Rick Perry's "Seven Breakthrough Solutions" for higher education is being looked at by Governor Scott and some legislators. A 5% undergraduate fee is proposed to improve graduate education students. U Matter We Care program blends some aspects of programs to help students, faculty, and staff in distress. Self-insurance is still being investigated for UF.

The first "test" group of colleges is using an online process for promotion and tenure packets. Angel Kwolek-Folland will be invited to discuss the process at a future Council meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm.