

Welfare Council Minutes
November 18, 2015
8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. 202 Tigert

Attendees:	Ken Gerhardt	Amanda House
Angel Kwolek-Folland	Margaret Temple-Smith	Sue Alvers
Daniella Saetta	Bradley Walters	
Ray Issa	Karen Whalen	
Ray Thomas	Jasmeet Judge	

Karen Whalen called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. and the October minutes were approved.

Faculty Ombuds – Ken Gerhardt, Faculty Ombuds

- Ken Gerhardt, Faculty Ombuds, explained that his services are confidential and available to all faculty. He noted that if someone is covered by collective bargaining, he will recommend that he/she discuss their issue with the union. He did note, however, that the union has sent faculty in the union to him.
- The Ombuds office has had 22 visits which is a little low. Many faculty do not know that there is a faculty ombuds and Dr. Gerhardt asked the members to please let their peers know.
- It was pointed out that the Welfare Council worked for several years to get an ombuds office for the faculty.

Faculty Club – Bradley Walters, Chair, Infrastructure Council

- Dr. Walters gave an update on the Faculty Club at University House.
- The Council's recommendation is to have a second story with the main conference uses on the lower level and the Faculty Club spaces above.

Music Building Resolution

- The council discussed the recent draft of the New Music Center Resolution.
- Bradley Walters reported that the Infrastructure Council had mixed feelings about the last 3 paragraphs. Infrastructure also was concerned about endorsing a new facility when other buildings on campus have deficiencies.
- Angel Kwolek-Folland noted that the college was offered space in the Ayers Building. This would alleviate the immediate environmental problems. The college turned down the offer.
- What is the Dean's buy-in?
- Ray Thomas offered to redraft the resolution and circulate it among the group.

Campus Climate Survey

- Angel Kwolek-Folland reminded the council to fill out the climate survey and to also remind colleagues.

Report from Students

- Daniella Saetta reported that students went to Tallahassee to talk with legislators about the need to renovate Norman Hall.

Sue will contact Chris Hass to see if he can attend the December meeting to discuss his white paper draft on peer evaluations.

The Welfare Council meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.