

College Faculty Council Chairs Meeting
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November 4, 2013
1:30 p.m.

Attendance included: Don Cohen, Jorg Peters, Tom Munyer, Michael Meldrum, Minday McAdams, Arlene Naranjo, Ben Walker, Mark McGlothlin, Michael Kane, Brad Behnke, Estes de Young, Norris Williams, Charlie Mitchell, John Martin, Pradeep Kumar, Sue Alvers, Marc Heft, Pam Piper (via phone), and Charles Mitchell.

The meeting was called to order at 1:29 p.m. Introductions were made. Marc Heft, Chair, Faculty Senate explained that this is an introductory meeting where chairs can ask questions and communicate issues and concerns in their college. Marc then gave an overview of the Faculty Senate 2013-2014 initiatives.

- **Preeminence Opportunities**
 - UF was designated the Preeminent Institution for the state of Florida.
 - Provides UF \$15M recurring money per year for five years from the state to hire faculty. The President pledged an additional \$15M to invest in research support for these faculty.
 - Senior Vice Presidents solicited proposals for new faculty from the deans.
 - Received 53 proposals, most of them interdisciplinary
 - Senior Vice Presidents picked 26 proposals that were sent to a faculty committee consisting of members from the Dunn Committee.
 - **UF CORE**
 - UF has been approved to develop its own signature experiences such as Capstone courses. The university can require all students to take 9-12 credits in certain core courses. The “Good Life Course” is an example of one of those courses.
 - **UF Online**
 - The university was authorized as the state’s online institute.
 - Last year UF earned \$70M in revenue providing online education with limited undergraduate engagement.
 - Plans are for a four year online program where students start as freshmen.
 - State support for this initiative is \$10M nonrecurring funds and \$5M for five years.
 - Betty Phillips will lead UF Online. She was hired from Arizona State University.
 - Profits will go right back to colleges and faculty.
 - The start date is January 2014.
- **Town Halls**
 - Faculty Senate is sponsoring town hall meetings about once a month on different subjects. The next one is November 18 with Bernard Mair on UF Core. These are on Mondays at 4 p.m. Jane Adams is scheduled for January 6.

- **Distinguished Professors**
 - The three newest distinguished professors will give lectures to a general audience starting January.
- **Round Table Discussion**
 - Three of the Senior Vice Presidents have agreed to participate in a round table discussion about “What is Scholarship?”

The rest of the meeting was open for comments and discussion. Items that were discussed were the open access policy, change in the Academic Personnel Board and RCM. Marc gave a summary of RCM and recommended that the college chairs visit Matt Fajack’s [website](#) for more information.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.