

Committee on Committees
November 13, 2017
Woodward Conference Room 6184
1:00 p.m.

Attendees: Sue Alvers, Ashley Ghiaseddin, Jose Trevino, Chris Hass, Ann Wehmeyer, Steven Schwarts, and Miriam Ezenwa

Ashley Ghiaseddin called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m. and the October minutes were approved.

Review of Councils

- [Academic Policy Council – Chris Hass, Council Member](#)
 - The council is pleased with the current size and appears to be working well. With regards to their current issues, they have heard 3 presentation regarding the implementation of change with faculty evaluations and are reviewing which direction to go.
 - Working to help with resolution on a proposed bill to accept computer coding as eligibility for incoming students to meet their language requirements.
 - Working with the Academic Integrity Task Force
 - Working on student civility by considering development of a resource for faculty to highlight Rights/Responsibilities and addressing 'Uncivil behavior of students in the classroom
 - Future goals: See their Future Initiatives. Under their safeguards for undergrads exposed to animal tissue and excreta, they are reviewing best practices and research ways to enhance student safety. For UF Syllabus policy, they would like faculty to post syllabi prior to semester start
 - Area of concern discussed with COC: Under APC responsibilities is 'academic merits of candidates for administrative positions of academic significance'. Does this fit with the current construct of the APC or should this be assigned to another group. Another option would be to expand upon these responsibilities further. APC believes the topic is important and should be addressed but needed guidance on whether or not this should be assigned to their group
- [Infrastructure Council – Ann Wehmeyer](#)
 - Issues: Not all reporting committees are attending regularly. The Preservation of Historic Buildings and Sites has yet to attend a meeting. Transportation and Parking Committee attended once this year. Sustainability Committee has trouble attending due to overlap with other meeting.
 - For this year, they are considering post-Irma response to damage on campus, and deferred maintenance. COC asked if there could be development of website or link where for the entire campus for reporting of damage from natural disasters. There is something already being done by the University it appears, so can this be expanded upon or merged with the initiative of the Infrastructure Council. Next term, they will review a plan for UF Faculty Club
 - For Campus damage/Deferred Maintenance or regarding Infrastructure, the process for identifying issues/queries is not clear. How best to report? COC

recommended creating an online template/form that can be filled out and create a virtual list of the queries that can be tracked by Infrastructure council

- The council serves as monitoring group where some problems see remedial action and others do not? What is the follow up and what should happen. COC discussed if there can be a process put in place where issues that are brought up by the council at least receive follow up from the Steering Committee to 'close the loop' on outstanding issues
- *Budget Council – Sue Alvers, Budget Council Liaison*
 - Budget Council is working well and the CoC didn't have any further questions or suggestions.

Other Issues

- Academic Freedom, Tenure, Professional Relations and Standards Committee wants to change their name since they do not address Academic Freedom but rather grievances for out of unit faculty. One suggestion was Faculty Grievance Committee.
- Discussion about the redundancy of the Welfare and Compensation Committee and possibly merging the two groups. CoC reviewed/compared their responsibilities and in face the Compensation Committee responsibility is to expand one role of the Welfare Council. CoC decided to invite both groups to see if we can discuss refocusing the Compensation Committee to their stated responsibilities.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.