

**Senate Steering Committee
Minutes
September 2, 2010
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Attendees:

Mary Ann Ferguson
Barbara Wingo
Wolfgang Sigmund
Mark Orazem
Joe Glover
Dave Quillen
Henrietta Logan
James Klausner
Nancy Poehlmann

Scott Nygren
Jack Mecholsky
Kathy Light
Amelia Bell

Guests:

Jen Gresley
Maggie Temple Smith
Tim Johnson
Wayne Griffin

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM

The minutes of the August meeting were approved.

Reports:

Chair's Report

Mary Ann Ferguson, Chair

Mary Ann Ferguson reported that the chair training session will be held tomorrow and she encouraged attendance.

A question was raised regarding faculty involvement in the search for a distance education partner. This will be referred to APC. The steering committee agreed that the chosen vendor should have the flexibility to adopt distance education to different teaching styles. The committee agreed that the academic policy council should look at policies regarding distance education and the Infrastructure Council should be included in discussions during the vendor selection process. The councils will talk to other faculty on the distance education committee.

The committee discussed other questions related to distance education such as: can a course be recorded and redone without your knowledge since its online? Who owns the course? Does the course stay with a faculty member if they leave the university?

The committee discussed the university academic experience proposal that came from FSU via the ACFS and determined it is not an issue at UF because the admissions office has established criteria for accepting transfer students. Ferguson will share the draft proposal with the APC.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

Joe Glover reported that the university has issued an international travel policy making med-x insurance mandatory. UF will pay centrally for the med-x policy so that it will be free to faculty and graduate students. Travelers are required to register online for coverage.

Glover also reported that the university is responding to the SACS survey and needs to ensure that there are SLOs for all graduate degree programs.

Information Items:

UF's non-discrimination clause

James Klausner moved that this item be placed on the September senate information agenda. The motion was approved and this item will be an information item at the September senate meeting.

Jen Gresley, Co-Chair LGBT Concerns Committee

International Programs

Ferguson read a synopsis of this presentation provided by Dean Sammons. The committee members would like to know how is distance learning linked to UFIC and about accreditation and how the university is changing and how UFIC is involved. The committee would also like to know how the international center measures for quality control. The APC will review how the university coordinates distance learning and internationalization.

Open Access

No report. This item will be moved to the October steering committee agenda.

Judy Russell, Dean of the University Libraries

Constitution Changes regarding departments

This issue will go back to the constitution committee to review the budget language.

Margaret Temple Smith, Constitution Committee Chair

Faculty Guide to Helping Students in Distress

The report will present the new guide to helping students in distress. This item will be an information item at the September Senate meeting.

Wayne Griffin, Associate Director & Clinical Assoc. Professor Counseling and Wellness Center

Council Reports:

Budget Council

The council is trying to collect data regarding RCM metrics and RCM issues in colleges. The council will talk about how merit raises were affected by RCM and look into the issue of colleges having to lay off people to grant raises. The council will make an informational presentation to the Senate to provide Senators with information to help distinguish between positive and unintended results of RCM.

Regina Bussing/James Klausner, Co-Chairs

Infrastructure Council

The council is currently scheduling fall meetings.

Mark Orazem, Chair

Research and Scholarship Council

The council would like to discuss the effects of RCM on interdisciplinary programs.

Henrietta Logan, Chair

Welfare Council

The council is currently scheduling fall meetings.

Kathy Light, Chair

Academic Policy Council

The council is currently scheduling fall meetings.

Nancy Pohlmann, Chair

The committee discussed the possibility of creating a senate working group to review the report from the Ad Hoc Committee on a Civil, Safe and Open Environment, participate in discussions about the police advisory board, and talk to Dean Sammons about cultural sensitivity and international student feelings.

The agenda for the September meeting was approved with the removal of the Constitution Committee item and the Open Access item.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM