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Meeting Notes

Date: Wednesday November 14, 2012

Time: 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Place: 239 Tigert Hall

The Academy met on the date and times indicated above. The meeting agenda and supporting materials discussed in the meeting are appended below, including annotations made by the Secretary of the Academy.

Attendees: *Distinguished Teaching Scholars:* Prof. Jeffrey **Adler**, Prof. Barbara A. **Barletta**, Prof. Linda **Behar-Horenstein** (*Chair*), Prof. Miklos **Bona**, Prof. Diana **Boxer**, Prof. Sidney **Homan** Jr., Prof. Susan K. **Jacobson**, Prof. Michael **Kane**, Prof. P. Howard **Louthan**, and Prof. Marianne C. **Schmink**

Others: N/A

Agenda

1. Approval of previous-meeting notes
2. Intellectual Property and Online Teaching
3. Graduate Student Council Travel Grants Program
4. Other items from the floor

Notes

1. Approval of Previous-Meeting Notes

The notes for the October 9 2012 meeting of the Academy were approved.

2. Intellectual Property and Online Teaching

Prof. Linda Behar-Horenstein's letter draft on intellectual property and online teaching led to a stimulating discussion of the following topics:

- the disparity in compensation for faculty from various colleges for developing and teaching online courses,
- the issue of compensation for online courses solicited from outside sources,
- the degree to which the university could set standards for such courses,
- the inevitability of such online teaching,
- the percentage of compensation that should go to the university, and
- the experience of members of the Academy with such courses.

It was suggested that such issues and concerns should not only be presented to the Faculty Senate, in the form of a revised version of Prof. Behar-Horenstein's letter (with bullet-points), sent in the name of the Academy, but that the Senate should be asked to establish a university-wide oversight committee to insure the academic integrity for such courses, and that the Academy might be a core element in such a committee.

3. A Graduate Student Council Travel Grants Program

Prof. Miklos Bonas's draft paper on the topic of "Graduate Student Council Travel Grants" was discussed. Prof. Bona's focus was on the balance between such grant proposals being accessible to those in other fields and a rigorous explanation of the actual project. His several suggestions for the application met with approval:

- a detailed CV of the applicant,
- a recommendation letter from his or her advisor, and
- a copy, if possible, of the letter of invitation to an academic meeting for which travel was requested.

It was suggested that the panel be composed of students, not faculty members, that such a review process would be a good experience for the graduate's student's later work in the profession. There was some concern about graduate students on the panel having access to the GPA and the advisor's letter of recommendation, especially if a student in the same department

as the applicant reviewed an application. Prof. Marianne Schmink volunteered to incorporate such suggestions in a revised version of Prof. Bona's letter. Again, the Academy wanted to have this letter sent in the name of all its members.

4. Other Business

Prof. Sid Homan gave a short report on the Academy essays. They are now on the ADTS website, will be available to students, and are presently being sent to the various media by Steve Orlando, Director of the UF News Bureau.

The Academy members considered working with the *UF Innovation through Institutional Integration (I-Cube) Program* in obtaining a list of the various programs focused on improving graduate student teaching, then getting a similar list of such programs and efforts campus-wide for teaching improvement for faculty. This information was deemed to be of interest in the context of the Academy's earlier proposal for establishing a *Teaching and Learning Center*.

Prof. Sid Homan, *Secretary of the Academy of Distinguished Teaching Scholars*, respectfully submits these notes on 12/05/12.