

**College Faculty Council Chairs Meeting
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October 26, 2012**

Attendance included: Jorge Peters, Cheri Brodeur, Marc Heft, Ray Issa, Don Cohen, Dorene Ross, Elizabeth Ross, Keith Willmott, Brad Behnke, Art Teixeira, James Babanikos, Tracy Reid, Matt Loving, David Quillen, Jane Gannon, Rich Segal, Dawn Bowers, William Castleman, Scott Nygren, Sue Alvers, Robert Knechel, Jed Keesling.

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m., introductions were made and minutes from April were approved.

Presidential Search Update –

Cheri Brodeur gave an update on the Presidential Search. She started with giving some background on the work that was done during the summer. In August, 50 faculty, representing each college, were invited to attend an open forum to suggest criteria for the presidential search. Cheri asked Scott Nygren to join Ben Dunn and Harry Klee as faculty representatives on the search committee. Plans were originally made for only one interview forum for all university employees which would mean that faculty would only get to ask five questions. Cheri and Scott argued that faculty should have its own interview forum and the administration agreed. Now we are in the process of deciding what questions to ask.

Cheri would like to use the College Faculty Council Chairs as contacts for each college. Chairs will forward an email from Cheri to their faculty asking them to submit on the Faculty Senate website their presidential interview questions by November 5. On November 6, CFCC will get together and decide which questions will be used at three different times:

- Interviews held by the UF presidential search committee
- Faculty forum that will follow the selection of the final candidate
- Questions Cheri can ask in her role as the faculty representative on the Board of Trustees

These questions will be submitted to Jodi Gentry on November 7. Once the interview process starts, there will be three to five days before all is complete. Cheri requested CFCC members to provide her with a quick way to contact them. Tentative plans are for persons whose questions were chosen will be able to ask them at the faculty forum. On November 14, the search committee will choose questions via telephone conference call. Cheri emphasized that the administration is listening to what faculty are saying.

Faculty Ombudsman

At the April meeting, CFCC asked that we investigate hiring a faculty ombudsman. Cheri talked with Dr. Glover who agreed to have the Welfare council research, and submit a job description. The Welfare Council has been working on this project. Ron Anderson, the student ombudsman, was at the last Welfare Council meeting discussing his mission and duties.

Mission Statement

CFCC also agreed at the last meeting that now is the time to revise the university's mission statement. A Mission Statement Task Force was formed with representatives from each college and is now in the process of revising the mission statement. The task force is close to completing their final version. The next MSTF meeting is November 16.

Reports from College Faculty Council Chairs

- Jorge Peters (Engineering) - Working on budget transparency and evaluation of the dean. Cheri is working with Engineering to come up with a tool for dean evaluation that can be used in other colleges.
- Rich Segal (Pharmacy) – Current dean is retiring end of the academic year. The college is working with a search firm and the search committee meets Monday. Pharmacy is undergoing an accreditation site visit in January.
- Robert Knechel (Business) – is a stand in for today and does not have anything to report
- Brad Behnke (HHP) – In the middle of a dean search and also in collaboration with a Saudi Arabian university
- Don Cohen (Dentistry) – Experiencing second tremors from RCM budget cuts. Dentistry has set up a committee to track cash flow problems. Faculty were ask to come up with their own hours and the college is also revising its tenure and promotion guidelines.
- Art Teixeira (IFAS) – Next IFAS Meeting is October 30 with the presentation of the State of the Institute Address. Dean of the academic college (CALC) is spearheading a movement to get administration to revise the criteria for posthumous degrees.
- Jed Keesling (CLAS) – CLAS has a task force to rework its vision with budget constraints. It is also increasing distance learning education.
- Dorene Ross (Education) – Working on dean’s evaluation. Education has a new dean as of October 2011. The college is also developed and is now implementing its strategic plan.
- Ray Issa (DCP) – New constitution was approved. The college is on a quest for more transparency in budgetary rights and also faculty rights in hiring.
- Elizabeth Ross (CFA) – CFA is also looking into dean evaluations and budget transparencies.
- Matt Loving (Libraries) – Working on changing evaluation levels for faculty.
- William Castleman (VetMed) – Vet Med is under two vice presidents, David Guzick and Jack Payne. The college is finishing revising two bylaws and working on annual evaluations of administrators. They’d like to pattern their administrator evaluation system after the University of Michigan. They are receiving input from HR and administrators.
- Dawn Bowers (PHHP) – PHHP is working on constitution review and tenure and promotion guidelines.
- Jane Gannon (Nursing) – Nursing is in the process of searching for a new dean. Faculty recently finished their list of search committee questions. The college has finished its bylaw revisions.
- Keith Willmott (FLMNH) - Keith recently replaced David Reed as representative for FLMNH. He does not have anything to report.
- Tracy Reid (Law) – College is working on a new strategic plan. Also celebrated the anniversary of the first African-American graduate
- James Babanikos (Journalism and Communication) – Journalism and communication is looking at its constitution. Budget cuts hit the college hard. A new dean starts in January. The college is also working to create its first online undergraduate degree in communication.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.