Faculty Council Meeting
September 19, 2013
MINUTES

Present: Jon Martin, Ben Smith, Gillian Lord, Rick Yost, Dave Richardson

Meeting called to order at 1:36.

1. Interim CLAS Assembly Chair Rick Yost charged the Faculty Council (FC) for the 2013-2014 year.

2. We discussed the necessary replacement of FC members:
   • Jodi Lane (sabbatical, 1 yr) – BSS
   • Clive Wynn (resigned, 2 yr) – BSS
   • David Smith from Psy just notified us that he now commutes from NC and should be replaced – also BSS)

3. Election of Chair of faculty council (RY) - Jon Martin agreed to be nominated; there was no opposition.

4. Continuing discussion of evaluation of chairs and directors was scheduled for the meeting but has been TABLED UNTIL A BETTER ATTENDED MEETING
   • GL will present then, with the following information:
     • Revisions to most recent version based on feedback from chairs & directors
     • Administration of survey
     • Pilot testing form this year

5. Discussion of CLAS situation, possible directions for Faculty Council
   • Dean D’Anieri had to attend a Board of Trustees meeting, so Sr. Assoc. Dean Dave Richardson came in his place
   • Dave brought up two major topics that could/should be of interest to this committee and that may guide our actions for the 13-14 year:
     • President Machen’s desire for a “common” area of undergraduate experience (other than football games), similar to the Good Life course. The Preeminence bill proposes that the university can require up to twelve credits that students cannot place out of or replace. Two proposed areas in a proposal put together by the deans of several colleges are “Sustainability” and “Design”. Paul would be happy to meet with the FC about these courses, discuss possibilities, etc. – it will be something that affects us all moving forward.
       o Somewhat related, the FC could initiate a college review of the good life course to assess successes and challenges as we move forward with a core curriculum.
     • Strategic plan for CLAS. There is a new plan in the works, but it will be based on revising the existing plan. Paul will create draft working from the old one and will then seek
feedback on that draft from other bodies. FC will be useful if we can help him structure the feedback he receives and how to incorporate it – especially from the faculty perspective.

- Possible idea – Ask that FC members review the current strategic plan (http://www.clas.ufl.edu/dean/memos/20100922-strategic-plan.pdf), and Paul can talk to us about his plan at the October meeting.

- Other items briefly discussed:
  - Brief update on top 10 initiative / cluster hires – still waiting to hear what the president approves. They will most likely be cross-college hires, with cross-college involvement on search committees.
  - FC will want to stay updated on progress with UF-Online, will be interesting to follow and monitor.

*Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.*

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Also of potential interest to faculty members are the Senate-sponsored TOWN HALL MEETINGS:

1. September 23 @ 4:00 PM at the Law School (Holland 180): Intellectual Property
2. October 21 (Location: Fine Arts Building Room 105): Information Technology, Elias Eldayrie, Vice President and Chief Information Officer
3. November 18 (Location: Turlington Room L011) “The UF CORE”, Bernard Mair, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Affairs
4. January 6 (Location: TBA): Advocacy, Jane Adams, Vice President University Relations
5. February 10 (Education, 250 Norman Hall): On-line education (undergrad degree programs), Joe Glover, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
6. March 10 (Location: TBA): On-line education, Andy McCullough, Associate Provost for Teaching and Technology