Faculty Council Meeting
October 15, 2013
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Present: Jon Martin, Brian Harfe, Paul D’Anieri, Ben Smith, Kenneth Kidd, Rick Yost, Gillian Lord, Shifra Armon

Meeting called to order at 11:34.

1. Minutes from last meeting – unanimously approved
2. Rick Yost regarding faculty council replacements
   • Monika Ardelt will replace Jodi Lane for this year (1 yr)
   • Clive Wynn and David Smith still need to be replaced; both BSS. Requests are out but no responses yet.
3. Next meeting November 19th 11:30am
4. Closure on task force report
   • Recap of purpose of task force and report
   • Synopsis was sent out last year to chairs, and they were asked to forward to their departments. Feedback was requested by May 30, 2013.
   • Very few action items came out of it, we decided to just consider the subject closed.
5. Common core courses expansion
   • Like Good Life course, will be adding a couple more in the coming year or two; preeminence bill allows for 12 hours of UF only courses that we can require students to take. Consensus that Good Life will be 3 hours of that; some consensus that every major should have a capstone course for another 3 credits; probably want to add a social sciences course and a natural mathematical science course. This is separate from the General Education courses that we are developing for the Gen Ed requirements.
   • Can Faculty Council facilitate the creation/delivery of these courses? Communications? Vetting of courses?
   • This will be an ongoing discussion between colleges, etc.
6. Strategic Plan
   • Old one says 2010-2013, so it’s time for a new one. Decision has been to start with the existing plan to decide what we have accomplished, what parts need to be deleted/changed, and what parts can or should still be there. Faculty Council can play a big role in that.
   • RY: Constitution says that the Faculty Council represents the faculty of the college to the dean on all matters relevant to the college. The “strategic” part of the plan is the hard part, both in terms of getting representation and also in terms of the hard decisions. (Some ongoing question as to how to represent the full college via this council or other means (email?))
   • BH discussed some issues about strategic planning, as well as UF Online (which will undoubtedly form a part of the plan as well).
• Paul wants a survey of five (?) questions to send out to all faculty to get input on the strategic planning process. Dean's office will provide a draft of some questions and Faculty Council will respond.
• Discussion of chair evaluation tabled until November.

Meeting adjourned after I left (12:35)!