CLAS Faculty Council Minutes  
Wednesday, 13 October 2010  
Dauer 219  

Members Present: Susan Hegeman, Kevin Ingersent, Howard Louthan, Ellen Martin, John Palmer, Brigitte Weltman-Aron, Rick Yost  
Members Absent: Brent Henderson, Richard Scher, Rick Stepp, Clive Wynne, Paul Robinson  
Ex-officio Members Present: David Foster, Jed Keesling  
Student Representatives Absent: LaRae Scantling  

Rick Yost called the meeting to order at 9:45 am.  

The minutes of the June 9 meeting were unanimously approved, with the revision that Ellen Martin was present.  

There was discussion concerning a regular meeting time. It was also decided that the Faculty Council would meet monthly unless a specific need arose to convene bi-monthly.  

The committee then discussed broader topics for consideration for future meetings. The following matters were briefly reviewed and examined.  

*2010 NRC Assessment of Research-Doctorate Programs—University of Florida rankings  
Members noted that results were based on problematic data; certain new PhD programs at UF (Classics and Religion) were not included in this assessment; there was a discussion concerning the possibility of augmenting this data with other metrics.  

*Distance education in the college; issues of intellectual property  

*New general education humanities course that is run out of the Provost office  

*Budget issues—the impact of RCM  

*Possible other issues for future discussion include an assessment of CLAS’s recurring budget cuts.  

The meeting adjourned at 11 am.  

Respectfully submitted,  
Howard Louthan