1. Approve minutes from our last (October 13) meeting
2. Update on the General Education Humanities course (John Palmer) - To prepare, you might want to look at the Task Force's main website: http://www.aa.ufl.edu/search_committees/Gen_Ed_Humanities/index.html From there you can link to the current course, What is the Good Life? IDS 2935, which includes the list of courses for this fall and next spring, and includes syllabi.
3. NRC rankings of PhD programs – I’ve attached a graphic from Marie Zeglen that summarizes some of the rankings. You can link to the NRC data at the UF Institutional Planning website - http://www.ir.ufl.edu/OIRApps/nrc/default.aspx - as well as viewing a powerpoint presentation by Ken Gerhardt on the NRC ranking process. And you can download the backup data in Excel workbook format from http://www.nap.edu/rdp/ You might also find the UF Grad School’s recent quantitative assessment of our UF PhD programs of interest – see the attachment.
4. Other issues of interest.

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 resulting in the suspension of certain PhD programs in the college.

The meeting adjourned at 11 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Howard Louthan