Members Present: Brent Henderson, Kevin Ingersent, Howard Louthan, Ellen Martin, John Palmer, Richard Scher, Bridgette Weltman-Aron, Rick Yost
Members Absent: Susan Hegeman, Paul Robinson, Rick Stepp, Clive Wynne
Ex-officio members present: David Foster, Jed Keesling
Student representative absent: LeRae Scantling
Guests: Andy McCollough, Victoria Pagan, Dave Richardson

1. Rick Yost called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM

2. Minutes of the November 2, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved

3. Discussion of Distance Education at UF
   - Andy McCollough, Associate Provost, defined Distance Education. Stated UF’s goals in terms of Distance Education as 1) providing increased access to learning, 2) opening new markets for UF, and 3) increasing revenue for UF. Reviewed some of the pros and cons of Distance Education
   - Discussion about ‘who is the market?’ Professional programs, 2+2 programs in partnerships with Community Colleges, high-demand required courses, degree programs
   - Victoria Pagan, Classics Chair, described MA/PhD online program in Classics. 26 online students compared to 25 on campus graduate students. Rigorous application process. Often teach in real time rather than canned, streaming programs. Found combining on campus and online sections did not work. Longer time to degree. Requires summer residency at UF. Generates revenue to hire an adjunct professor.
   - Current model- UF levees a 10% tax, CLAS levees an additional 10%
   - Dave Richardson, CLAS Senior Associate Dean, explained that CLAS has been asked to submit a strategic plan for Distance Education. He has assembled a working group to address the issue. He asked what role the Faculty Council would like to play. It was agreed that the working group will make a report to the Faculty Council.

4. At 9:30 Dean D’Anieri joined the meeting.
   - The discussion on Distance Education continued. The Dean believes a discussion including Distance Education could help us think about how we can teach better. He sees the role of Distance Education in CLAS as 1) enhancing existing courses, 2) creating new online courses or transferring existing courses to online format, and 3) setting up degree programs. Need to think about cost effectiveness in the process.
   - The Dean discussed the recently-formed NRC review committee (Committee on Doctoral Education). The committee, which was formed without input from deans, has been given their charge and a very short time line. He believes it would be most constructive if we can view the process as a way to catalyze discussion within each department to evaluate how to improve.
   - There is ongoing discussion about the Department of Economics moving from the Business School to CLAS

5. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM