CLAS Faculty Council Minutes - DRAFT

April 11, 2011
150 Pugh Hall

In Attendance: David Foster (Finance Committee Chair), Susan Hegeman, Brent Henderson, Kevin Ingersent, Jed Keesling (CLAS Assembly chair), Ellen Martin, John Palmer, Gregory Pavela (Student representative), Paul Robinson, Richard Scher, Rick Stepp, Brigitte Weltman-Aron, Clive Wynne, Rick Yost (Chair)

Members Absent: Howard Louthan, LaRae Scantling (student representative)

Rick Yost called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

1. The minutes for Feb. 21, 2011 were approved, with minor corrections.

2. The meeting began with an open discussion of the draft of the Shared Governance Report for College Faculty Councils. It was agreed that part C., "What do you see as problem areas in effective shared governance?" will be redrafted to reflect the discussion.

3. The chair asked for questions regarding the proposed shared services staffing model for UF and CLAS in preparation for discussion with the dean.

4. Kevin Ingersent and John Palmer were both nominated from the floor as candidates for the next chair of the CLAS faculty Council. An election was conducted by paper ballot.

5. Dean Paul D'Anieri arrived at 3:57 p.m.

The dean was asked to report on the status of the shared services model under consideration, and of the proposed move of the Economics Department from the College of Business to CLAS.

The dean replied that the move of the Economics Department was still under negotiation, and that the Provost was now involved. He anticipated no further discussions on this matter until fall, at the earliest.

Regarding the exploration of the shared services staffing model, the dean said that a committee had been formed to investigate the costs and benefits, and that there was now a shift to considering a more gradual process, on a smaller scale.

The dean offered his preliminary assessment of the CLAS and UF budget for next year. In his view, with further state cuts and some tuition increase, the overall effect will be further cuts to the university and college.

6. The chair announced the results of the election of the new chair of the CLAS faculty council. John Palmer will chair the council next year.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Hegeman