

FACULTY COUNCIL

MINUTES

September 10, 2010

CPR 245

PRESENT: James Cavendish, Eric Eisenberg, Richard Manning, Kelly Page-Werder, Sandy Schneider, Hari Srikanth, Mark Stewart, Wei Zhang, Allison Cleveland-Roberts & Mary Sweely

ABSENT: Roberta Baer, Catherine Beneteau, John Cochran, Cheryl Kirstein, Robert Potter, Chris Probes

- I. Meeting called to order.
- II. Introduction of old & new members.
- III. April 30th, 2010 minutes were approved unanimously.
- IV. Report from the Dean and Associate Deans: Dr. Eisenberg welcomed new members. He discussed the new governance document and the process of getting new information to him and process of getting the info to the departments.
He spoke of the impacts of the groups on campus and clarification of these groups. For example, what are the different functions and relations between CAS Faculty Council, the Faculty Senate and the UFF Union.
The direction of the University was also discussed. The administration is trying to keep USF on the Strategic path. The Dean discussed the aggressive hiring that has been done and the spending to hire exceptional faculty. The

Provost predicts that the will come to halt in the upcoming years as a result of economic pressures, including the fact that we will get no more stimulus money.

The Dean discussed the goal of Globalization and working with the Patel Center and the GAP Program. The New Florida Initiative was discussed as an attempt to foster a quick turnaround on the Florida economy with new jobs and new degrees.

The Dean commented about our need, in this time of competition for scarce resources, to tell the story of CAS in order to make clear why we are central to the mission of USF. We need to be able to articulate what we do, and elaborate our strengths.

Dean Eisenberg also mentioned the PHI Beta Kappa Lecture series for which the Provost has approved another year funding assistance. He asked for input on the next group of lecturers.

The Dean discussed the enrollment crisis. SAT scores have dropped, which is very bad for PR, but is an anomaly. Paul Dosal has been appointed to try and help to remove the obstacles for students. Surveys indicate a perception that UCF has a better quality student–faculty relations.

The Dean also mentioned the impasse between the BOT and Union over the UFF contract negotiations.

Dr. Allison Cleveland-Roberts (filling in for Dr. Potter) discussed concerns regarding progress toward degrees & on-time graduation rate. At the department level, we need to focus on getting seniors thru their last year, being pro-active in developing plans for making sure seniors know the undergraduate discipline specific graduation requirements.

Dr. Schneider asked if there was a student success list. It can be found on the Provost Website under Executive Summary.

Dr. Manning discussed the new Graduate School policies concerning time to completion of Degrees. Allotted times seem too short for some disciplines, especially in humanities, by national averages. The proposed regulations

seemed to be take “one size fits all” approach. (Allison to follow up with Rick Pollenz on this issue).

- V. Meeting times and dates were discussed and scheduled as follows:
October 8th-10am-11:30am
November 12th-1:00pm-2:30 pm
December 3rd-1:00am-11:30 am
Fall Assembly will be held on December 3rd from 2-5pm., location to be determined.
- VI. Clarifying Council’s Relations to Senate, Schools & Chairs: Dr. Manning wants to know how this might best be achieved. Suggestions were that we get info from a Senate member or attend a meeting. Another suggestion was to get the minutes from the Senate and UFF meetings. (Mary to follow up and send out the links for these minutes.) Might a Council a member attend the All Chairs meeting? Dr. Eisenberg informed the council that this is an open meeting and anyone can attend. Dr. Manning wanted to know if a member could attend the individual School’s chair meetings. Dr. Eisenberg to follow-up with Chairs Steering Committee on allowing a representative to attend these meetings.
- VII. Clarifying voting procedures. Dr. Manning brought up this issue regarding the voting on the Governance document. How many actual votes were there? Evidently, since it is an open ballot, many junior faculty declined to vote. We need to reconsider how such votes are taken, in order to foster faculty participation. Follow-up with Dr. Cochran on this issue, this was done by his office staff. This is to be continued at the next meeting
- VIII. Dr. Manning asked that if you had an item that you would like to put on the agenda for the next meeting to let him know.
- IX. Meeting adjourned.