Members Present:  David Allsopp, Darlene Bruner, Ann Cranston-Gingras (Chair), Joann Eickhoff-Shemek, John Ferron, Sherry Kragler, Janet Scaglione (for Victor Hernandez-Gantes), E.V. Johannesmeier, Joan Kaywell, Paul Terry, Nancy Williams

Members Absent:  Weimin Mo

Ex-Officios Present:  Michael Berson, Darlene DeMarie, Harold Keller, Colleen Kennedy

Other Attendees:  Rebecca Wilkins

Call to Order

The Faculty Council was called to order by Ann Cranston-Gingras, Chair, at 12:20 pm. The Dean’s Report would be re-scheduled for later on the agenda due to her traveling back to campus for the meeting.

Faculty Council

- All new representatives for the Faculty Council will attend next month’s meeting. At this time the committee will elect a chair, co-chair, and officers for the upcoming academic year (2007-2008).
- The GPC and UPC will hold a separate meeting in order to elect chairs and co-chairs in preparation for next year.
- An Ad Hoc Committee to Study the Implications of Rule 6-5.066 is proceeding nicely. The co-chairs are Sherman Dorn and Patty McHatton. They will forward a report to the council shortly.

Minutes

March 2006 and April 2006 Faculty Council minutes were received by the Faculty Council. Paul Terry made a motion to confirm receipt of the minutes and requested they be posted on the College of Education website, along with the following:
* NOT FORMALLY APPROVED DUE TO THE COLLEGE’S CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FACULTY COUNCIL. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 26, 2007 minutes as written. The motion was approved unanimously.
A motion to approve the February 16, 2007 minutes as corrected was made and seconded. The motion passed by consensus.

Dean’s Report

- I was very pleased to return from the SUS Deans of Education and Florida Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (FACTE) conference in Melbourne, FL in time to be with you here today at the Faculty Council. Governor Crist spoke at FACTE today and for the first time, I heard a Governor thank faculty for their work in preparing K-12 educators! I am passing his gratitude on to each of you and to all of our faculty. Governor Crist expressed his very firm desire in working with FACTE to enhance the education profession and K-12 education.

- As you know form my e-mail to you last evening, the College is now ranked 48th in the nation by US News & World Report. This is a wonderful achievement of which we can all be very proud. It is gratifying to see that the quality of our graduate programs, the strength of our faculty, and your success in obtaining external funding, are being recognized nationally! Our movement from 60th last year to 48th this year represents quite a leap! The President and Provost are thrilled with this accomplishment. Provost Khator indicated that our College has the honor of being the first college to break into the top 50 in US News & World Report.

- Associate Dean Bruce Jones has indicated that the Mini-Grant proposals have been reviewed and recipients will be announced on April 2. I understand that the proposals were very strong and that we had even more proposals this year than last.

- Graduate students from Secondary Education, Measurement & Research, and from School Psychology have been awarded UGF Fellowships. These were the only departments submitting names. Note that nominations for new doctoral students may be made (deadline of 3/30/07 was previously announced) for the Dean’s Excellence Awards and for Graduate School Enhancement Awards ($75,000). Additionally, we have $25,000 for students in BA/MAT over each of next two years.

- The annual sale of Wishnatzki strawberries to benefit the Migrant Education scholarship program is going on today in the College parking lot. It just doesn’t get better than this!

GPC Meeting

- Michael Berson, GPC Chair, noted the committee is reviewing a large number of programs/courses/certificates at this time.

- The GPC has been discussing International Admissions with their Director, Pat Pekovsky, and, Tanya Viera, International Graduate Admissions Officer Processing Manager. Foreign transcripts are sometimes difficult to understand. The GPC has requested a checklist from International Admissions to assist them
with student’s records. They are to present this at the next GPC meeting. It was suggested that a meeting with department coordinators would be helpful.

- Doctoral Education - Associate Dean, Harold Keller, will be reviewing an outline he developed regarding “outside chairs” with the requirements. The COEDU wants to better serve their students.

**UPC Meeting**

- No report from UPC.

**New Business**

The College of Education has received a request from Provost Renu Khator, along with the five questions used in the Dean’s evaluation, for two additional questions the college would like added to the annual report. A discussion was held.

The faculty council approved the following two additional questions to be used in the Dean’s evaluation:

1. Do you think the Dean treats faculty, staff, and departments equitably on a consistent basis? Please offer specifics.
2. Please include any additional thoughts you have regarding the Dean’s performance.

**Adjournment**

The Council adjourned at 1:30 pm. The next meeting will be held on Friday, April 27, 2007.