COLLEGE OF EDUCATION  
Faculty Council  
September 25, 2009  
12:15 pm, EDU 219  
Minutes  

Members Present:  (Chair) Bill Young (Vice Chair/Parliamentarian) Nell Faucette, Darlene Bruner, Danielle Dennis, Jeannie Kleinhammer-Tramill, (Secretary)Bob Dedrick, Joan Kaywell, Jim Paul, Barbara Shircliffe  
Ex-Officios Present: Colleen Kennedy, Harold Keller, Michael Stewart, Valerie Janesick, Rick Austin  
Other Attendees: Lora Crider, Council Support  

Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order by Chair Bill Young. He gave a welcome to all the new members of the council.  

Review and Approval of the April 24, 2009 Meeting Minutes –Part 1 and Part 2  
Bob Dedrick made a motion to approve both sets of the meeting minutes and the motion was seconded by Jim Paul. The minutes were approved unanimously.  

Approval of Consent Agenda  
Bob Dedrick made a motion to approve the consent agenda and this motion was seconded by Joan Kaywell. The consent agenda was approved unanimously.  

Dean’s Report (edited by Dean Kennedy)  
Dean Kennedy reported on the status of the compact planning proposals submitted to the Provost. Regarding positions, 13 faculty positions (including two Chairs) were funded by a combination of the Provost’s funds and internal college reallocations. These positions directly support two initiatives in the College Compact Plan – Excellence in Undergraduate and Graduate Education and Research & Innovation. Additionally, the Provost was very supportive of our ELeaarning initiative and through funds from Assoc. VP Kathleen Moore; we will be able to hire an ELearning Coordinator for the college.  

Research I Week is scheduled for October 5-9 and there will be a poster session showcasing Faculty and Graduate Students research in the TECO Room on  
http://www.coedu.usf.edu/main/documents/USFResONEwk2009.pdf  We will host an IES Video conference by Drs. Ruby and Eubanks. Associate Dean Bruce Jones has also arranged for the first Grant Workshop of the year, see:  
http://www.coedu.usf.edu/main/documents/COEDUGrantResearchOversightWorkshops2009Series.pdf  . The Grant Oversight Workshops which were highly supported by the faculty last year continue with the next workshop being on Research Misconduct and Conflicts of Interest.  

USF hosted the first Summit on Hate Crimes Awareness on September 23. The summit was sponsored by the USF College of Education David C. Anchin Center, the USF Diversity & Equal Opportunity Office, the Florida Commission on Human Relations and the USF Student Government. The summit was a huge success and Drs. Donna Elam and Bruce Jones were widely recognized for their contributions to the Summit. There were national speakers from the US Department of Justice, the FBI, parents of children who had been victims of hate
crimes, among many other state and community leaders. The Forum provided an excellent vehicle for raising awareness about hate crime prevention.

The Provost office is now working on a Career Path for Instructors under the leadership of Kofi Glover. Harold Keller suggested the Faculty Council and the Dean’s office create an Ad Hoc Committee to create promotion criteria and a college process for the promotion of Instructors. It was asked if this career path for Instructors would also include advisors. Harold Keller handed out two sets of handouts on the Career Ladders for Instructors (teaching and non-teaching) prepared by the Provost office and it appears these are rough drafts. The Ad Hoc Committee can also seek clarification from the Provost’s Office on issues contained in the two documents. Subsequent to the meeting, Bill Young, Nell Faucette, Harold Keller, and Dean Kennedy met to generate names of faculty who could serve on a committee to draft the COEDU guidelines for the Career Path for Instructors. Nominees included: Jim Paul, Barbara Shircliffe, Phil Smith, Ann Hall, and Harold Keller (dean’s office liaison). Dean Kennedy will determine next steps the University will pursue. Then, assuming that colleges will proceed by appointing committees, Faculty Council Chair, Bill Young and Dean King will appoint the COEDU Instructor Career Path committee.

Dr. Stewart reported on the new summer 2010 course offering schedule for Dean Kennedy. The COEDU will be able to offer courses using the one block of time per week format, but must realize they will probably have a low priority when the University scheduling office assigns rooms. These courses must comply with the official start times of the University. Any deviation from the published guidelines will require a “Request for Variance” form to be completed and approved.

Committee Reports
GPC Chair Report (edited by Valerie Janesick)
GPC Chair Valerie Janesick gave a report on the GPC’s meeting and possible issues the GPC might take action on this academic year. Forthcoming issues for discussion in all departments include revisiting the total number of hours in doctoral programs, and the total number of hours required for dissertation credit.

UPC Chair Report(edited by Rick Austin)
UPC Chair Rick Austin gave a report of the UPC’s meeting and possible upcoming issues that might come before the UPC this year.

Sub-Committees Reports
Interdisciplinary Collaboration (edited by Darlene Bruner)
Darlene Bruner reported the group now includes Patty McHatton, Janet Richards and Nancy Williams. The group met and is exploring options on applying for a tandem teaching grant.

New Business
Election of the Secretary of Elections
Nominations were taken from the floor and Bob Dedrick was the only nomination for Secretary of Elections. He accepted the nomination and was elected Secretary by a unanimous vote. Bob expressed to the council that this year’s Faculty Council at-large
election will most likely be held electronically as was last years tenure and promotion committee election.

Announcements

Governance Documents (edited by Bill Young)
Chair Bill Young raised the question about the governance documents which have been approved already how they are affected by the new independence of Sarasota/Manatee and Lakeland Polytechnic. Dean Kennedy said those documents which have been approved already will need to be edited prior to being sent to the provost. Bill Young added that it is his hope that all department governance documents would be approved by the Faculty Council this year.

IRB Issues
Bob Dedrick encouraged the Council to offer suggestions and feedback to him to pass along to those who are in charge of the IRB. The Council felt that more “tailored” sessions regarding the college of education and their unique issues would be more helpful for faculty.

Diversity Forum (edited by Joan Kaywell)
Joan Kaywell expressed the great support of the faculty for past forums and encouraged them to attend the next Diversity Forum Panel Discussion 5th Annual Fall Forum, “Creating Teaching Opportunities from Critical Issues: Religion in the Classroom” this Wednesday (September 30th from 5:30-7:30 pm) in the TECO. Panelists representing different faith-based communities will discuss these questions--What issues in your faith community may arise in schools at this present time in history? How might teachers respond to this (these) in a respectful and appropriate manner? What might be offensive and should be avoided?—plus any questions the audience chooses to ask. Panelists are Father Ed Rich (Episcopal), Dr. Douglas Jesseph (Atheist), Dr. Brian Lemoi (Catholic) and Dr. Muhammad Sultin (Muslim)

Closing Remarks (edited by Bill Young)
Bill Young stated it appears that the Dean’s Office working in concert with the faculty leadership in the College have established an enabling environment for systematic change in curriculum development, curriculum change, course development, and College policies and procedures.

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned by Chair Bill Young.

Original Attached Handouts:
Draft of the April 24, 2009 Meeting Minutes -2 sets
Consent Agenda
2009-2010 Faculty Council Membership Roster
CONSENT AGENDA

UPC – NO ACTION ITEMS

GPC

The following motion passed at the 09/11/09 GPC Meeting:

*The College of Education adopt the same standards for Graduate Students in the areas of: Continuous Enrollment, Transfer of Graduate Credit and Residency Requirements that are currently held by the University of South Florida and the Graduate School.*

Rationale:
This will bring the college requirements in alignment with USF and Graduate School requirements and to help to eliminate confusion that has been caused because of the conflicting requirements.

Non-Substantive Course Change
Educational Leadership & Policy Studies.................................................................Darlene Bruner
EDA 6945 – Internship/Practicum