Faculty Council Meeting
Friday, October 6, 2006
12:15 PM (EDU 219)

Members Present: David Allsopp, Ann Cranston-Gingras (Chair), Joann Eickhoff-Shemek, John Ferron, Victor Hernandez-Gantes, Erv Johanningmeier, Joan Kaywell, Weimin Mo, Nancy Williams

Members Absent: Darlene Bruner

Ex-Officios Present: Harold Keller, Mike Stewart

Other Attendees: Rebecca Wilkins

Call to Order

Ann Cranston-Gingras, Chair, called the first meeting of the Faculty Council to order at 12:15 pm on October 6, 2006 and welcomed everyone.

The Shared Governance Committee worked very hard over the summer to develop the new COE Constitution. They did an excellent job of streamlining this document. Now with a new Constitution, a new time and location, the Council, anticipates having better participation. Each department representative will report back to their departments and give an account of what happened in the Faculty Council.

Dean’s Report

- Dean Kennedy regrets being unable to attend the first meeting but looks forward to attending in the future. She extends thanks to the Shared Governance Committee for their hard work in developing the constitution.
- Plans are being made for a Major Speaker to address the Education in Action Luncheon on November 16. An announcement will be made very soon.
- Progress is being made on the launch of i-Tunes U – USF has signed the contract, the University is working on the technical aspects of getting us connected, and Ann Barron and a selection committee are eagerly awaiting the faculty proposals for the College i-Pod incentive program. The dean is excited to see what the faculty can do with this new technology!
- Last evening at the Hispanic Heritage event, where both Carlos Zalaquett and Patty McHatton in our college played major leadership roles – several of our Hispanic students received awards and Bárbara Cruz won the Hispanic Heritage faculty award.
- The USF Sarasota/Manatee campus has now opened its new building. Our faculty there now have the wonderful surroundings they deserve. Departments might think about visiting our Sarasota/Manatee colleagues in their “new digs.”
- Many searches are now underway – 19 on the Tampa campus and 5-6 on each of the Lakeland and Sarasota campuses. Thanks to everyone involved in the efforts to recruit faculty and to serve on these committees.
Harold and Mike are here as resources and can update the faculty on any other items of interest --- e-grading; Rule Change for Teacher Ed., etc.

New Constitution

Everyone was given a copy of the new Constitution to keep on file. Some concerns have been expressed about the voting process. There are concerns about having a true “secret” ballot election. There are those who are concerned about privacy issues and do not want to sign their names. Electronic voting is not an option. Some suggestions were to include two envelopes with the ballot; or, using a ballot box with faculty names being marked off as they vote. After more discussion in this regard, John Ferron agreed to write up a proposal on voting procedures and bring to the next meeting.

Concerns were also expressed whether departments “select or elect” their representatives. The Psychological and Social Foundations of Education have selected temporary representatives pending a full departmental vote.

Council Terms

As stated in the new Constitution, “Representatives of the Faculty Council shall serve staggered two-year terms.” During this initial year of ratification half of the representatives will serve a one-year term and the other half will serve two-year terms. Those serving one-year terms will not have this first year count against their serving again.

One Year Terms

- David Allsopp - Sp.Ed.
- JoAnn Eickhoff-Shemek - PEWS
- Victor Hernandez-Gantes - ACHE
- Erv Johanningmeier - P&S
- Joan Kaywell - Sec. Ed.

Two Year Terms

- Darlene Bruner - DELPS
- John Ferron - M&R
- Weimin Mo - Sarasota campus
- Paul Terry - Lakeland campus
- Nancy Williams - Childhood
- Sherri Kragler - At-Large Rep

GPC/UPC Meetings

Both the Graduate Programs Committee and the Undergraduate Programs Committee will meet on Friday, October 20, 2006. A notice will be sent out to the representatives.

Faculty Council Chair, Ann Cranston-Gingras will provide over the initial meetings of the GPC and UPC in order to elect Committee Chairs and ascertain representatives’ terms.

Adjournment

The Council adjourned at 1:00 pm. The next meeting will be held on Friday, November 3, 2006.