Faculty Forum

On
Dissertations, Dissertation Quality, Dissertation Mentoring

November 7, 2007, 11:30 – 1 pm, TECO

11:30 – 11:45 Get Settled (Food, Drinks, Groups of 6-8 faculty)
   Introductory Comments – Harold Keller & Michael Berson
   Each group needs a facilitator/recorder

11:45 – 12:15 Discussion of Questions; Record

12:15-12:20 All group members, except facilitator/recorder, rotate to other tables,
   trying to ensure that they don’t all re-assemble at the same table

12:20-12:50 Facilitators/Recorders briefly summarize key points from the initial
   discussion. Continue the discussion with new or strengthened ideas from
   other groups that are brought in by new group members. Record.

12:50-1:00 Develop and record action steps or action planning that is/are needed

Thank you!! Turn in discussion records and action steps/action planning.

Materials (one copy per group):
Matrix of Criteria for Dissertation Advisor/Outside Chair Credentialing
Associate Dean Comments
Survey Results, with additional questions

Central Issues for Group Discussion
- Shared Responsibilities for quality control of dissertations
- Clarifying the role of the Outside Chair in evaluating quality of dissertations and
  quality of defenses
- Professional Development on effective individual and group strategies for
  mentoring doctoral students before and during the dissertation stage