

College of Education
Faculty Assembly Steering Committee
 Friday January 15, 2010
 Education 411
 10:00 – 12:00

Minutes

WELCOME:

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Warde.

ATTENDANCE: Dilys Schoorman, Daniel Reyes-Guerra, Meredith Mountford, Paul Peluso, Connie Keintz, Beverly Warde, Philomena Marinaccio-Eckel, Mary Lou Duffy, Lorraine Cross, Andy Brewer

NOT PRESENT: Bob Zoeller

GUEST SPEAKER: Deborah Floyd, Graduate Programs Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- FA meeting January 22, 10:00-12:00 a.m.
- FASC meeting Wednesday, March 31st, 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. ED 411 Boca

OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:

- **Graduate Programs Committee (GPC) report from Deborah Floyd and Mary Lou Duffy**

The university graduate counsel needs to approve every college's process for appointment to and renewal of graduate faculty status by May 2009. The College of Education has been considering revisions for about a year. All of the departments' representatives have been working on this. The faculty status revisions approval steps include initial review by the GPC, followed by the Faculty Senate, and finally the University Graduate Counsel. The College of Education has made excellent progress.

The graduate college states that anyone who comes in as an assistant professor or above is eligible for graduate faculty status. Please read the revision document to be informed of other requirements. The GPC and COE criteria will follow these graduate college requirements, keeping the three levels of graduate faculty status, and making recommendations to include other criteria in addition to publications (i.e., grants). Graduate faculty status will need to be renewed every five years.

We will have a larger discussion with the faculty at the January 22nd FA meeting. Discussions could include concerns such as: how to document a continuous record of graduate faculty work, the possibility of obtaining expedited renewal after having graduate status for two terms, how these revisions influence adjuncts or associate graduate faculty, and whether external members could serve on dissertation committees.

FASC representatives will disseminate this information at department meetings ahead of the FA meeting. The entire faculty will be sent this document so we can have an informed discussion at the Friday January 22nd FA meeting. Beverly will see if faculty members are ready to vote at the FA

meeting or if they need more time. If people need to think about it we can make a motion from the floor that we need an electronic vote.

- **Task Force report: New P & Tenure Criteria, Guidelines from Andy Brewer**

Since the last meeting Dr. Warde sent the FA response to Dr. Alperin. The committee is scheduled to meet Thursday, February 18th, 2010 at 10:00. Dr. Alperin remarked that she had been receiving college and individual responses. Dr. Hawkins is now the chair of this program.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Update from COE Executive Meeting from Beverly Warde**

The Faculty Assembly Executive committee is meeting today with Dean Bristol.

- **New faculty positions / position of chairs on search committees.** There is money for searches going forth at this time. A simple clarification statement is needed about the requirement of the hiring authority to be part of the search committee. Is this redundant since the committee makes recommendations, this goes to the department chair, and then goes to dean? Does information coming down from the EOC require the chairs to be part of the committee or the chair of the committee? If there is a reason the faculty wants to discuss something in the chair's absence can they reclude themselves?
- **Live text syllabus statement.** The issue is in regards to the required statement in all College of Education syllabi: "Students in this course are required to have an active LiveText account to track mastery of programs skills, competencies and critical assignments, and to meet program and college accreditation requirements. To receive a passing grade in this course you must have an active LiveText account." At the executive meeting members voted that the last sentence could be taken out, however students would still have to buy Live Text because it is a College of Education requirement. Questions remain, for example, which courses are involved and are professors liable for this statement? This will be discussed at the January 22nd FA meeting.
- **Faculty Assembly Elections.** The week of March 15th an announcement will go out seeking nominations for FA elections (vice president, secretary, archivist, and senators). Responsibilities for positions are archived on the FA web site. At the April 16th FA we will announce election results. We have about a month to get an announcement out during Spring break, set up electronic voting, and allow a week for voting. Start thinking about nominees for those positions.
- **FTCE fee increases - implications for advising from Lorraine Cross**
Please advise students to complete the majority of their courses prior to taking the professional and subject area FTCE exams. Patty Hirsch will hand out a FAQ sheet concerning this issue at the January 22nd FA meeting.

Lorraine will talk with Dr. Shepherd about the possibility of talking with the office of financial aid to see if students could get an increase in funding because fees in the senior year can add up to as much as \$600.00.

FAU lost the contract for the FTCE testing site.

The FTCE previously required an overall score of 70% to pass; the current requirement is a score of 70% on every subtest to pass.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- Communication Sciences. Nothing at this time.
- Counselor Education. Department has not met since break. Nothing at this time.
- Curriculum, Culture, and Educational Inquiry. Original concern, as a department, about new case law that will require us to have the hiring authority in search committee meetings or open meetings to the public. Is this coming from EOC since search committees have to be certified by that office? Department is also interested in possible expedited tenure approval for new hires.
- Educational Leadership. Nothing at this time.
- Exceptional Student Education. Meet next week.
- Exercise Science & Health. Nothing at this time.
- OASS. Nothing at this time.
- Teaching and Learning. We rolled out LiveText.

POSSIBLE ITEMS/PRIORITIES FOR JANUARY 22, 2010 FA MEETING:

- COE's process for appointment to and renewal of graduate faculty status.
- Clarification of LiveText requirements and syllabus statement.
- FTCE Fee increase and advising. Patty Hirsch will hand out a FAQ sheet.
- FA Elections.
- Academic freedom issues. Decisions being made from administrative level that don't involve faculty input.
- Tenure upon appointment.
- College strategic planning committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The October 23, 2009 meeting minutes were approved. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mary Lou Duffy; the motion was seconded by Mena Marinaccio-Eckel. The minutes were approved by a majority vote.

The meeting was adjourned by President Warde at 12:10 p.m.

Submitted by,

Philomena Marinaccio-Eckel

Secretary, Faculty Assembly