

College of Education
Faculty Assembly Steering Committee
Friday April 3, 2009
Education 411
10:00 – 12:00

APPROVED MINUTES

Welcome

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by President Warde.

Attendance Check

Andy Brewer, Alyssa Gonzalez-DeHass (phone), Carlos Diaz (for Dilys Schoorman), Mary Lou Duffy (phone), Connie Keintz, Meredith Mountford, Paul Peluso, Beverly Warde, Bob Zoeller (phone)

Approval of Minutes from Jan. 16, 2009

Motion made by Mary Lou Duffy, seconded by Bob Zoeller. Minutes passed unanimously.

Old/Continuing Business

- **FA Research Committees**

The Interim Dean had a meeting with both of the Research Committee Chairs. Both Chairs requested time at the April 17, Faculty Assembly meeting to describe each committee's purpose. The discussion will include how both of the committees will interact.

- **Dean's Search**

The Dean's Search Committee sent two names to the Provost along with a nine page draft document that synthesized the committee's reaction, as well as the faculty's input from the Dean's Search Website. The committee felt very strongly about the two of three candidates that were given to the Provost. As of this time, the Search Committee had no information about the Provost's choice. The Steering Committee is also wanting to, in the consideration of transparency, share the document with the faculty but has not received the draft document back from the Provost.

Questions:

Was there a lot of strength in reopening the search?

No, the committee felt that there were two viable candidates. Both candidates had a preponderance of positive opinions from the faculty.

There was continued discussion about having Dean Rosson speak at the April 17, Faculty Assembly meeting regarding the candidates and the selection process.

There was also concern raised about having Dean Rosson speak about the candidates at the Faculty Assembly meeting while one candidate, Interim Dean Valerie Bristor, would be in attendance.

(Approximately 30 minutes after this discussion, an e-mail went out from the Provost's office congratulating Dr. Valerie Bristor as the new Dean of the College of Education).

New Business

- **FA Elections**

The nomination process is closed as of today, April 3, 2009.

The Faculty Assembly nominees are:

President-Beverly Warde

Vice-President-Meredith Mountford

Secretary-Philomena Marinaccio

Archivist-Susannah Brown and Connie Keintz

The University Senate nominees are:

Susannah Brown, Joe Furner, Peggy Goldstein, Joan Lindgren, and Rangasamy Ramasamy

Results will be shared at the April 17, Faculty Assembly meeting.

- **P&T process**

Dr. Maslin-Ostrowski will discuss the process that the Provost has requested in changing the P&T process. Each department's COE P&T representative will report out a list of concerns or changes to the College of Education P&T Procedures and Criteria document at the April 17, Faculty Assembly meeting. It will then be decided if the College P&T committee should make changes, or if a committee should be formed to make these changes. Dr. Zoeller reported that the Provost wants the document "leaner and meaner" and that the College Promotion and Tenure committee should be the group that makes any changes. However, the COE P&T committee will need specific guidelines. Dr. Zoeller also stated that he feels this is not the time to make major decisions, just the suggested ones from the Provost, for example:

What type of Journals should be considered?

What is the role of Annual Assignments in the P&T process?

Is there a college wide policy regarding years brought to the University?

Questions:

How much of an overhaul of the P&T Procedures and Criteria?

How will the Provost support the faculty in the redesigning of the P&T Procedures and Criteria?

Should the COE Faculty create an Action Plan for the process?

Should the COE P&T committee look at other models of the P&T Procedures and Criteria?

President Warde will talk with Dr. Maslin-Ostrowski and then make a response to the Provost.

Dr. Brewer will report out recommendations from the P&T study committee and will answer the questions posed last Faculty Assembly meeting.

- **P&T Workshop**

Dr. Maslin-Ostrowski will hold a P&T workshop directly after the April 17, Faculty Assembly meeting, and it will be teleconferenced to the Davie, Jupiter, and Port St. Lucie campuses.

Departmental Reports

Communication Sciences

Dr. Keintz reported that CSD is accepting students, and is now off probation. CSD students also have met with the Interim Dean and the Provost regarding the budget.

Counselor Ed

Dr. Peluso reported that Counselor Education is going through the reaccreditation process and the report they have received is very positive. Counselor Education is looking to add a Doctoral program, and there has been a 50% increase in applications for the Mental Health Program.

Ed Leadership

Dr. Mountford reported that the Doctoral Programs in Educational Leadership are being very selective. Student numbers have decreased because of the lack of faculty; three faculty members have left. Educational Leadership has also re-written their entire curriculum due to the Cecil Golden State Mandate however the changes are just now getting to the COE GPC level for approval. Dr. Mountford, speaking for herself, but had heard other rumblings about concerns having to do with the bureaucracy, and time spent, with the forms for the PhD and Master candidates from the Graduate College.

A lengthy discussion regarding the Graduate College revealed that the Graduate College forms have become a big problem for multiple departments. It was decided that Faculty Assembly Steering Committee representatives go back to their departments and ask faculty what problems they are currently having with the Graduate College. It was also decided that faculty should include problems and any data that could be used (i.e. number of times they had to redo forms, or amount of time spent advising students compared to before the change over to the Graduate College) and a suggested solution. The problems, data, and proposed solutions will be sent to the departmental FASC representative, or directly to President Warde. This information will be tallied and synthesized for discussion at the April Faculty Assembly meeting. Dean Rosson will be invited to address these concerns at the April 17, Faculty Assembly meeting.

Exceptional Student Ed

Dr. Duffy reported that ESE has been planning about how the department will respond to the budget crisis. Already, ESE has pulled the Masters programs from Davie and Treasure Coast. Master's courses will be offered in Boca or Online until the budget permits more flexibility in scheduling. All undergraduate courses have been pulled from Treasure Coast. Undergraduate ESE courses remain on Boca, Davie, and Jupiter.

Exercise Science & Health

Dr. Zoeller reported that they are ready to move Exercise Science and Health from the Davie campus to the Boca campus. Dr. Zoeller also stated that there were an unusually large number of applicants for Graduate Programs in Exercise Science and Health.

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There was no representative in attendance.

Department of Teaching and Learning

Dr. Brewer reported that the Department of Teaching and Learning is still working out budgetary concerns and scheduling problems. The Department of Teaching and Learning has a retreat scheduled today, April 3, where they will discuss P&T concerns as well as other program related items.

Department of Curriculum, Culture, and Educational Inquiry

Dr. Diaz reported that Dr. Joan Friedenbergr and Dr. Hanizah Zainuddin have completed a Masters in TESOL that was approved at the last Faculty Senate. It still needs to go before the Board of Trustees. The Department of Curriculum, Culture, and Educational Inquiry have also completed EDF 2600 Education for Global Citizenship and it is currently in Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

Discussion of Possible Items/Priorities for April 17, 2009 FA Meeting

Dr. Mountford suggested we welcome and congratulate Dean Valerie Bristor on her new position.

- **Identify Agenda Items and Dean's Talking Point:**
What are the Dean's priorities and goals for the college?
What is the Dean's stance on research?
What are the Dean's priorities for next year, and if she sees any problems in the coming year.

The meeting was adjourned by President Warde at 11:35 a.m.

Submitted by,

Ernest Andrew Brewer

Secretary, Faculty Assembly