

**College of Education  
January Faculty Policy Council Meeting  
January 29<sup>th</sup> 2024; 2:00pm-4:00pm  
Room 2021 Norman Hall - Rosenberg Room**

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**Meeting ID: 950 0189 3305**

**Welcome**

Chair: Ashley MacSuga-Gage  
Chair Elect: Frank Fernandez  
Dean's Office: Erica McCray, Glenn Good, Thomasenia Adams, Elayne Colon  
HDOSE: Wei Li, , Jinnie Shin  
SESPECS: Valentina Contesse, Alisa Hanson, Linda Lombardino  
STL: Hyunyi Jung, Magdi Castañeda, Anthony Botelho

**Absent:** Tiffany Aaron, Angela Kohnen,

**Approval of Agenda**

Meeting called to order at 2:04 pm Motion to approve the agenda by Linda L. at 2:05 pm. Anthony Botelho seconded with consensus of the group. Agenda carries at 2:05pm. No abstentions or objections.

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (November 20, 2023)**

Motion by Anthony B. to approve meeting minutes. Seconded by Valentina C. and approved by consensus of the group. Minutes stand approved at 2:06pm. No abstentions or objections.

**Deans' & College Level Reports**

- **Hector Silva, Budgetary Information**
  - Update University Budget Model (as of today 😊)
  - Responsibility centered largely on responsibility centered management (RCM), essentially a decentralized, approach that increases transparency and empowers local leaders to make data-driven decisions
  - UF's budget model is not entirely RCM yet, leadership would like to move more in that direction.
  - This is the second budget tweak to the RCM model. The latest tweak is to take the \$80 million block funding and add it to the \$137million to create a \$217million base. For fiscal 2025 they will allocate the entire \$217million base on to metrics. One being on book net tuition at a weight of 70%, and the other, research expenditures 30%.
    - What it means for us:
    - We did better, before this tweak we realized 4.2% of that \$217million pot now we are realizing 4.75% of that pot. However, some colleges were adversely affected by this change.

- We are experiencing remarkable growth, with this comes a bigger RCM tax base. We don't know what it will be yet but the outlook for fiscal 2025 is encouraging
- **Associate Dean Thomasenia Adams**
  - University 2024 Strategic Funding Opportunities - \$43 Million
    - During the two rounds of funding, we were fortunate to have 4 colleagues funded
    - **Strategic Funding Initiative Recipients:**
      - **Wanli Xing- College of Education: SALT-Math: Scalable AI-Augmented Learning by Teaching for Math Education, \$930,000 over three years** – This project aims to revolutionize K-12 mathematics learning in Florida and beyond by implementing a learning-by-teaching framework that uses a large language model to flip students' roles as teachers to AI agents (resulting in enhanced student outcomes).
      - **Elayne Colon-College of Education: UF Stars: Illuminating Pathways for Undergraduate Research and Innovation, \$330,000 over three years** – This initiative will pair undergraduates with faculty for research opportunities, increasing the number of University Scholars Program applicants, growing the participation in the College of Education Research Symposium, supporting graduate assistantships, and rewarding excellence in faculty mentorship of undergraduate researchers.
      - **Pasha Antonenko- College of Education: UF Promoting Interdisciplinary Use of Neurotechnologies to Enhance Education, Research, and Service (PIONEERS), \$113,754** – Partnering with UF's Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering and UF Design, Construction and Planning, the College of education aims to purchase and deploy a neurotechnology lab that transforms educational research and practice.
      - **Tara Mathien- College of Education: Project ECHO – Revolutionizing Teacher Preparation with Augmented Reality, \$467,947** – Incorporating augmented reality technologies into an online early childhood education teacher certification program.
  - Two projects are still under review: feasibility studies by Joni Splett and Angela Kohnen
    - Third round of strategic funding opportunities, we don't know when the announcement will come but we will be ready. April may be the time the president will announce that round of funding
    - If you have an idea that you think might want to move the mission of the university seem to be getting approved. That perspective is seen in some of the other funded projects. Have your ideas ready. OER will be there for assistance to answer any questions
  - OER as of today we have obtained 41 awards, 23 million dollars total
  - 108 proposals submitted so far this year
  - Be attentive to those announcements if you have an interest
  - Events:
    - UF libraries will be giving a presentation on the research support on March 19<sup>th</sup>
    - Rosabel and I will be hosting a session on all things pre and post awards on March 27<sup>th</sup>
    - I will be hosting a session on all things tenure and promotion on April 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - In the near future, we will be issuing announcements for the colleges term of professorship, be on the look out
  - OER is designed to serve the faculty. We are always here to support your research and scholarship efforts.
- **Associate Dean Erica McCray**
  - Searches:

- We are at the tail end of candidate visits. Two more candidates will visit within the next week and then we will mostly wrap up with the exception of a couple of searches that need to revisit their pools of candidates.
- State bill 1372 is making its way through the Florida senate and we will monitor to see how/if it will impact us
- We are watching out for guidance and change regarding “countries of concern” as it relates to hiring of faculty and staff as well students who would be ineligible for employment through assistantships.
- Ashley: Shared governance meeting, still not clear guidance as to what constitutes working with countries of concern.
  - Possible publication issues related to funding that comes from those areas.
- **Interim Associate Dean Elayne Colon (check email for update)**
  - Awards
    - Congratulations to the following COE award winners for 2023-2024
    - Undergraduate Teacher of the Year – Helena Mawdsley
    - Professional Adviser of the Year – Earl McKee
    - Undergraduate Adviser/Mentor of the Year – Gayle Evans
  - College awardees have been forward to the Provost’s office for university consideration
  - Scholarships
    - COE Scholarship portal is open and accepting applications through February 11<sup>th</sup>
    - Please use this as a recruitment tool and encourage all program applicants to apply; do not have to be admitted to completed the scholarship application
    - Over \$400K to be awarded for 2024-2025 academic year with approx. 170 scholarships
    - About 150 applications so far
  - Teacher Preparation
    - UF received the FLDOE Pathways to Career Opportunities/Grow Your Own Teacher Grant
    - \$1.3 million to develop online teacher preparation programs in Early Childhood and Elementary Education
    - Early Childhood will launch their online BAE program in fall, 2024
    - Funding allows 10 awardees opportunity to create first in Florida pathway to certification through pre-baccalaureate Apprenticeships
    - Alyson Adams serves as PI on grant which currently runs through summer, 2024
    - We are currently searching for a Field Placement Coordinator. Until filled, please direct all inquiries related to field placements and certification to Lori Dassa and requests will be appropriately routed.
  - Accreditation and Reporting
    - Reminder of the CAEP re-accreditation virtual site visit March 18-20
    - US News Best Graduate Programs survey response was submitted mid-January. We can expect a release of rankings for this survey likely in mid-April.
    - US News Online Program Rankings will be released on February 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Other Items to Note...
    - Education Sciences enrollment continues to trend upward - headcount for spring, 2024 is up 3.4% higher than last spring

Ongoing campus conversations and guidance regarding employment for newly admitted students from Countries of Concern. Primary determining factor is residence at the time of the application. Mostly being determined on a case-by-case basis at this point.

- Universal MOUs and District Research Agreements
  - If you or someone you know is experiencing longer than usual approval times for conducting research in Alachua County or other districts, please let us know
  - Lori Dassa has been working closely with UF's general counsel to review the process. There is work to be done, and we will connect with Alachua County to refine the process
  - Please work with Lori to coordinate research efforts with Florida districts.
  - We will continue to update you all.
- **Dean Glenn Good**
  - We have exceptional faculty, and a very strong administrative team
  - College is getting recognized here at UF, statewide, and beyond
  - We have a new Provost, Scott Angle, who thinks very highly of us, and so does UF President Ben Sasse.
  - DEI bill related to teacher preparation programs is being proposed. We will keep an eye on this new legislation
  - UF tuition is low, University is dependent on the state for funding for support.
  - The College receives a significant amount of its funding from the state.
  - Legislature is also pleased with the college and work of the Lastinger Center.
  - UF's new RCM budget model is reasonable for the college.
  - The President Sasse and VP Penny Schwinn came over to PKY today, they are very interested in what is going on there.
    - PKY and UF are considering new models that include more AP and dual enrollment.
    - Additional PKY-like developmental research schools are being considered across the state.
  - College of ed has 3 new centers approved recently, Joni with the Prevention and Intervention Network (PIN), Pasha with the Institute for Advanced Learning Technology (IALT), and Maya with the Center for Computer Science for Everyone (CSEveryone).
  - College of education and its academic programs likely to receive highly favorable national online graduate program rankings.
  - Advancement team is doing exceptionally well, raising an additional \$1.5M for new term professorships in recognition of the great work that you are doing.

### Committee Updates/Reports

- Budgetary Affairs – Chris Redding
- College Curriculum – Frank Fernandez
- Diversity & Inclusion – N/A – inactive due to 2023-2024 law/policy in the state of Florida
- Faculty Affairs – Tiffany Aaron
  - No new updates
- Lectures, Seminars & Awards – Valentina Contesse
  - The LSAC committee is currently reviewing summaries of written feedback for four submitted applicants for the 2023-2024 Doctoral Dissertation Advisor/Mentoring Award. Four COE faculty members were nominated this year. The committee will email their recommendations to Dean Good.
- Long Range Planning – Ahmad Rahimi
  - Committee has requested an FPC representative assignment

- LRP committee is preparing the evaluations for the deans and we will send the links out sometime in March (similar to last year). We also have been examining the latest LRP documents to find at least one of improvement to include in our suggestions for the next year.
- Research Advisory – Anthony Bothelo
- Technology & Distance Ed – Katy Chapman
  - AI & Syllabi? How are we sharing resources?
  - All faculty
  - On Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 2-4PM in the Norman Conference Room, the Technology and Distance Education Committee is hosting a workshop (Using AI for Teaching and Learning: Getting Started), which will be presented by the Center for Instructional Technology & Training (CITT) and the College of Education’s ETC.
    - We request that everyone RSVPs for the workshop by February 5<sup>th</sup>, and although we would prefer that everyone attends in-person, we will provide a Zoom link if needed at a later date.
    - We would like graduate students who are teaching for UF to attend this workshop as well, if possible.

**Updates (As Needed)**

- Faculty Senate
- Union
- Shared Governance
- Other

**Discussion and Action Items**

- Next meeting - February 19, 2024 from 2-4 pm EST

**Adjournment**

Motion Adjourned by at Lee Purvis 2:50pm, Chris Redding seconded with no objections or abstentions. The motion passed unanimously.

**Please see all FPC, CCC, and COE Faculty meeting dates on page 2 of this agenda!  
2023-2024 FPC, CCC, and COE College Faculty Meetings**

Date & Time	Type of Meeting	Location
February 19 2-4 pm EST	FPC Regular Meeting	2021 Norman (Rosenberg Room)
March 18 2-4 pm EST	FPC Regular Meeting	2021 Norman (Rosenberg Room)
April 22 2-4 pm EST	Spring Faculty Wrap-up – FPC Regular Meeting	Norman Conference Center

CCC Meetings will be held via Zoom at the following

link: <https://ufl.zoom.us/j/94638643699?pwd=d01VZlhxZmU2NHJtWdNxOTd0YmlMUT09>

New course submissions via AFT: <https://education.ufl.edu/committees/college-curriculum/forms-and-process/>

Date & Time (EST)	Type
<b>Spring 2024</b>	
January 8 at 2-4pm	CCC Meeting
January 29 by 11:59pm	New Submissions Deadline
February 12 at 2-4pm	CCC Meeting
February 26 by 11:59pm	New Submissions Deadline
<i>March 25 at 2-4pm*meeting moved to accommodate Spring Break</i>	CCC Meeting

April 1 by 11:59pm	New Submissions Deadline
April 8 at 2-4pm	CCC Meeting