

**Spring Faculty Meeting of the College of Education  
Monday February 23, 2015 - 3:00-4:30pm**

*(Approved by the Faculty Policy Council on March 30, 2015)*

**Welcome:** James McLeskey, 2014-2015 FPC Chair

**Report on FPC Actions and Issues**

James McLeskey briefly summarized areas that FPC has worked on during 2014-2015. These areas include examining the COE Long Range Plan, issues related to the Professor of Practice proposal, determining best practices regarding supporting a diverse faculty, issues and support related to implementing CANVAS, addressing enrollment and related budget issues, and understanding changes in budget rules. The FPC also approved a constitutional amendment that will come before the faculty later in this meeting.

Albert Ritzhaupt provided an overview of FPC Issues for 2015-2016

- Need unified vision and goals for the COE of the future.
  - Develop a connection with President Fuchs early on
- Address Enrollment Issue
  - Address budgetary issues resulting from the above
  - Solidify plans for launching online undergraduate programs
- Role and status of the non-tenure track faculty
  - Expectations for leadership and service
- Review and revise outdated documents in the FPC website
  - Archive old documents no longer relevant

**Action Item**

Constitutional Amendment

The following amendment was proposed (changes included *in bold italics*).

Article II-The Faculty

Section 4—Councils and Committees

C. Presiding Officer: The Chair shall preside at meetings of the Faculty Policy Council and shall be a nonvoting member. The Chair of the Faculty Policy Council shall have .25 released time (*or equivalent funding that may include a graduate assistant, professional travel, summer salary, and so forth*), reached in agreement with his/her chair or director, for the fall and spring semesters. The Chair of the Faculty Policy Council shall attend the Dean's Administrative Council meetings, preside at faculty meetings, and chair the Agenda Committee.

D. Chair-Elect: The Faculty of the College of Education shall elect a tenured *or promoted non-tenure track* member to serve as Chair-Elect of the Faculty Policy Council. The Chair-Elect is a voting member of the Council. The Chair-Elect shall also function as Secretary of the Council. The Chair-Elect of the Faculty Policy Council shall have .25 released time (*or equivalent funding that may include a graduate assistant, professional travel, summer salary, and so*

*forth*), reached in agreement with his/her chair or director, for the fall and spring semesters. The Chair-Elect shall become the Chair of the Faculty Policy Council for the following year. Each School shall be invited to put forward nominations for the position of Chair-elect from their School. Elections shall be held in conjunction with the general FPC Council Elections.

Motion to *APPROVE* by Albert Ritzhaupt.  
*SECOND* by Alyson Adams.

During discussion, the following issues were addressed:

- Is it fair or reasonable to have someone without tenure in this position?
- Is this change being proposed because we have had difficulty in the last couple of years filling this position?
- How can we make the chair-elect position more attractive for faculty?
- Is there a difference between having the opportunity to take on this role and choosing to take on this role?

It was noted that non-tenure line faculty have taken on many leadership roles related to shared governance in the COE. Half of the current members of FPC are in non-tenure line roles, and several non-tenure line faculty have chaired FPC committees. These faculty are choosing to take active leadership roles and make time commitments, and are serving well in these roles.

It was also noted that there has been a substantial increase in the number of non-tenure line faculty over the last ten years. Faculty roles are going to continue to become more diverse. All faculty should have the opportunity to fully participate in shared governance.

A 2/3 majority is required by the constitution to pass an amendment. A vote count was taken.  
*The amendment passed by a vote of 28-2.*

### **Dean's Reports and Discussion**

Dean Glenn Good discussed the political and fiscal climate nationally and in Florida. He then provided a UF update and COE update. A copy of his powerpoint provides further details, and is available on the FPC web site. Associate Dean Tom Dana provided an overview of the latest budget figures for the College, and discussed college enrollment trends.

The faculty meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm.