

**College of Education  
Faculty Policy Council**

Minutes of the August 25, 2014  
Regular Meeting  
Location: 158 Norman Hall

**Attending**

Alyson Adams (STL), Elayne Colon (SESPECS), Zhihui Fang (STL--alternate for Maria Coady), Diana Joyce-Beaulieu (SESPECS), Linda Lombardino (SESPECS), Jann McGinnis (HDOSE), James McLeskey (Chair) Ana Puig (HDOSE--Secretary), Albert Ritzhaupt (STL), Paul Sindelar (SESPECS), Sondra Smith (HDOSE), Jacqueline Swank (HDOSE), Glenn Good (Dean), Tom Dana (Associate Dean), Thomasenia Adams (Associate Dean), Hazel Jones (CCC Chair--SESPECS)

Absent: Swapna Kumar (STL)

**Approval of the Agenda**

Agenda for today's meeting approved.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from April 28, 2014 meeting approved.

**Dean's report-Glenn Good (Dean)**

The Dean's report addressed the following topics:

- Development activities are going well in the college with major donations in the works.
- The COE was the only college on campus to increase research funding last year.
- Returns on investments in terms of the preeminence initiative have resulted in four positions being filled in the COE. Three faculty are already on campus, and the fourth will arrive in January.
- The COE had great faculty participation related to the creation of courses for the UF Grand Challenges Core, with four of the eight proposals for social sciences courses. The Data Literacy course submitted by Walter Leite and David Miller was accepted as a Grand Challenges Core social sciences course by the university.
- The UF administration views the COE very favorably. We have moved up in national rankings among public universities to 21<sup>st</sup>, the highest ranking among colleges at UF.
- There has been a student credit hour reduction in the COE that has resulted in substantial budget reductions for the college. This issue must be addressed to ensure the future fiscal health of the College.
- The Dean addressed a possible initiative that would build on the COE Strategic Plan and address the "College of Education of the Future." This initiative was previously

discussed and supported by the FPC Agenda Committee. This topic will be addressed further in future DAC and FPC meetings.

### **Action Items**

#### **FPC Representatives to Standing Committees**

A number of people have volunteered to serve on FPC committees. A handout of representatives was sent to all FPC members.

MOTION: To approve the list of committee member volunteers.

Motion (Joyce-Beaulieu)

Second (Sindelar)

Motion *approved*.

#### **FPC Secretary Approval**

Ana Puig volunteered to serve as FPC Secretary.

MOTION: To approve Ana Puig as FPC Secretary.

Motion *approved*.

#### **College Curriculum Committee Chair**

Hazel Jones volunteered to serve as College Curriculum Committee chair.

MOTION: To approve Hazel Jones as CCC chair.

Motion *approved*.

#### **FPC Agenda Committee**

There are only two members of the Agenda Committee. Nominations or volunteers were sought for a third member of this committee from among FPC members. Albert Ritzhaupt volunteered to serve as a member of the FPC Agenda Committee. The FPC Chair and Secretary will also serve on the Agenda Committee.

MOTION: To approve Albert Ritzhaupt as member of the FPC Agenda Committee.

Motion *approved*.

### **Discussion Items**

- FPC Committees-Directors have been asked to submit all members of FPC Committees by Friday, August 29. FPC representatives to standing committees were asked to call an initial meeting of their standing committee before the next FPC meeting (September 29), and facilitate the selection of the committee chair from among the school representatives. Each committee was charged for this initial meeting to set a schedule of meetings for the year, review relevant documents related to the committee's work, determine an initial agenda for the committee, and send minutes for the meeting to the FPC Secretary. In response to a question, all were reminded that agenda items for standing committees may originate from individual faculty members, administrators, or FPC committees. All items that are not part of a

committee’s typical and on-going work should be put forward to the Agenda Committee for review and assignment to a specific standing committee, as per the COE Constitution.

- A possible revision of the COE Constitution was discussed. Most FPC members agreed that the COE Constitution is not working particularly well at present, but there were different perspectives regarding whether we need to begin an immediate revision, or give the constitution more time to see if it works. This topic will be discussed further by the FPC.

**Adjournment**

MOTION: To adjourn (Ritzhaupt) Second (Puig).

Motion *approved*.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25pm